

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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September 19, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: "The Fifth Column in Washington!"
by: Joseph P. Kamp

This booklet is dedicated to "Franklin D. Roosevelt in appreciation of his vigorous denunciation of the 'Fifth Column' in America, and with the sincere hope that the factual highlights herein will help him discover the 'borers--from within' his own official household, before it is too late."

A footnote at the bottom of the inside front cover states regarding Mr. Kamp: "An editor of newspapers and magazines, and for more than twenty years a student of subversive movements, he writes with authority. Among others, he is the author of 'The Hell of Herrin....Rages Again,' and 'Join the CIO....and help build a Soviet America.'"

On page 4 there is published "List No. 1 of America's Fifth Column" including such names as: Robert M. Lovett, Secretary of the Virgin Islands, Robert H. Jackson, Attorney General, Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, and others.

The author remarks that there is much talk about the Fifth Column menace, but "we are not getting anywhere" in meeting this problem. On page 6 the statement is made that "The Lions, a luncheon club, in cooperation with the FBI, assigned its 140,000 members to the task of checkmating the 140,000 Communists which J. Edgar Hoover's assistant, Mr. Clegg, believes are part of the Fifth Column." The author states that thousands of organizations have been formed to handle the situation on a local, State-wide, and National basis, and it is "nonsense to expect effective uncovering of the Fifth Column by amateurs who may have an axe to grind, or who may be in sympathy with one or the other segment of the Fifth Column."

On Page 7 he says that "In Europe the Fifth Column is in disguise. With us, the Fifth Column is in office." The author goes on to set forth some of the activities of individuals high in the Government ranks. In speaking of Professor Lovett he states: "Appointed as Secretary of the Virgin Islands by President Roosevelt on May 4, 1939, he has done more for the cause of revolution on this continent than a dozen of the best of Stalin's stooges put together."

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In connection with Fifth Column activities in the Department of Justice Mr. Kamp states, on page 15:

"It should be said, at this juncture, that no criticism can be made of the excellent work being done by J. Edgar Hoover and his Federal Bureau of Investigation, but nevertheless, it must be remembered that Mr. Hoover is a subordinate of the Attorney General. The FBI, by itself, is helpless. The Justice Department can ignore or nullify the results of any investigation, just as it did in the Lincoln Brigade matter, where indictments were handed down after an 18 months inquiry by the FBI."

"Mr. Hoover's helplessness was dramatized just a few months ago when he complained to a Congressional Committee that he was under orders to appoint Communists to his staff unless he could show some other disqualification besides 'political beliefs.'"

"It is very evident, in the face of all this, that if the Fifth Column is to be successfully combatted, those who are concerned will have to look elsewhere — beyond the Department of Justice."

On pages 23-27 is published a list of 563 Government employees purported to be members of "Red Front" organizations.

The concluding chapter in this pamphlet deals with Aubrey Williams, head of the National Youth Administration said by Congressman Fish of the Rules Committee to be "the most dangerous man in the Government" because the job of training a million workers for the defense industries has been placed in his hands.

This booklet is published and distributed by the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, with National office at the First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut. This League is said to be an educational organization with a patriotic objective and not a political movement.

This publication should be returned to the Bureau Library.

Respectfully,

K. R. Hendon
R. C. Hendon

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October 10, 1940

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Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

In connection with the authority vested in you concerning investigation of subversive activities, the writer begs to inform you that to his knowledge and belief the firm operating under the name of CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, on the fifth floor of 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, is definitely a "Fifth Column" group.

The League is directed by Joseph P. Kamp, a notorious Fascist and Anti-Semite, who has been linked up with the man, who was recently sent to jail for his activities. The League is conducting a campaign to undermine the government authority at Washington, and has issued a booklet called, curiously enough, "The Fifth Column in Washington."

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The attention of your department is earnestly requested, with a view to investigating this particular group.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Des Moines, Iowa.

October 11, 1940.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: "The Fifth Column", a
publication by
Joseph P. Kamp.

This will advise that recently NORMAN LICHTY, Deputy Clerk of the Polk County District Court at Des Moines, referred a publication entitled, "The Fifth Column in Washington", a publication issued by JOSEPH P. KAMP, and published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., New Haven, Connecticut, to the Des Moines Office.

It is assumed that this publication has already been brought to the attention of the Bureau and the pamphlet is not being forwarded.

It is noted that this publication comments very favorably on the efforts being made by the Bureau in combating the Fifth Column. In the event that the Bureau should desire this publication, arrangements can probably be made with Mr. LICHTY to obtain same for the use of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. L. Dalton
J. L. DALTON
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mrs. H. Adler
12 SECOR ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

October 8,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover,

Forgive me for intruding
upon your, already full schedule, but
appears to be extremely important to a lot of
people.

Undoubtedly this pamphlet
which I am enclosing, or one like it has come
to your attention already. However, I thought
it best to enclose one in case you had not seen
it.

Can you, and will you please
tell me how much truth there is in these accus-
ations? And, if they are true WHAT are we to
do about it?

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I am not asking for myself
alone, but for a great many sane, whole-hearted
Americans in this community who have also re-
ceived these exposés and are shocked and horror-
fied and yet a trifle dubious, just as my hus-
band and I are.

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MRS. H. ADLER
12 SECOR ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

If this man is telling the truth, then it only means that we may expect to be dished up to Hitler on a platter, as France, Belgium and Norway were, by traitors in our own government. Must we sit back and accept such a fate, or can you advise us what we can do to avert it?

A great many good citizens in Scarsdale will very much appreciate a thoughtful reply from you on this matter and will be waiting anxiously to receive it.

Most sincerely yours,

Maud B. Adler

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October 18, 1940

Mrs. H. Adler
12 Secor Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs. Adler:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 8, 1940, and the enclosed book which you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing these data to my attention are indeed appreciated, and I want you to know that the content of your communication has been given careful attention.

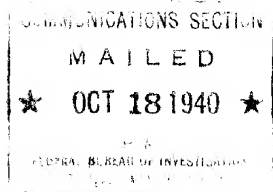
I regret to advise, however, that all information contained in the files of this Bureau is of a confidential nature and I am precluded by policy from commenting upon matters of this type.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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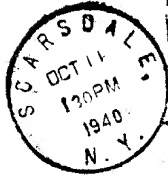
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Mrs. H. Adler

12 Secor Road

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J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of the Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I do not know whether you are interested in receiving
propaganda of this sort or not.

However, I am enclosing it for your edification.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Jacobson
R. H. Jacobson, Editor
Evanston Daily News-Index

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November 14, 1940

Mr. R. H. Jacobson
Editor
Evanston Daily News-Index
1316 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
October 25, 1940; with its enclosure.

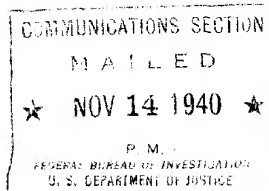
Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Highlander Folk School "is a center, if not the center
for the spreading of Communist doctrine in thirteen
Southeastern states."

—The Nashville Tennessean
leading Democratic newspaper

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Dr. J. H. Daves of the T.V.A., Esther Gelders of the National Youth Administration, and Stewart Meacham of the NLRB.

Another government official, Aubrey Williams, head of the National Youth Administration is accused of having provided a letter of introduction for "Communist" John Donovan, National Representative of the Workers Alliance, when he came to Birmingham in 1938 to help promote the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which the booklet charges, was Communist inspired and controlled.

The Williams introduction is quoted as having said in part: "I regard him very highly and have found that he usually knows what he is talking about."

The author describes an "anti-American song book" prepared by the students at Highlander; he says that on "the most-thumbed page" is the Communist theme song, the Internationale, and from page 23 he quotes "an old tune with new words" as follows:

"My country tis of thee,
Land of mass misery,
Of this I sing.
Land where the workers toil,
And bosses reap their spoil,
Where children starve and freeze,
From fall till spring."

"A dangerous alien-bred and alien-minded Fifth Column has invaded an unsuspecting Southland," says Mr. Kamp in his opening charge. "Its agents, agitators and saboteurs are in strategic positions in the schools and the churches; among farmers and industrial workers; on WPA projects and in government agencies. Everywhere - in every Southern state, in most every community - this sinister network is spreading its vicious propaganda and organizing its forces.

"So subtle has been its approach, it has enlisted and is currently receiving the help of many respected and trusting Southerners. Its program is anti-American and anti-God. The ultimate goal is social chaos, the overthrow of the government and the establishment of 'a new social order'".

After presenting much detailed data and many quotations from Communist documents, Mr. Kamp makes the blunt charge that the objective of the Fifth Column is "to 'take over' industry! To 'take over' the South! To 'take over' America."

Wittingly, or unwittingly, government officials including a

governor, labor leaders, churchmen, educators, influential and well-meaning local citizens are being used as a vanguard for the Moscow-inspired Red revolution which already is in an advanced stage in the South, Mr. Kamp says.

Commonwealth College, at Mena, Arkansas, which a few weeks ago was fined \$2500 on anarchy charges and for displaying the Communist hammer and sickle in place of the American flag, is linked by Mr. Kamp directly with Highlander Folk School. He quotes from a joint advertisement published by the two schools in which they appealed for money, and, says Kamp:

"Illustrated with the usual 'ailing baby' pictures, the advertisement features a statement by Vice Presidential Candidate Henry Wallace who once wrote praise of Lenin, Mussolini and Hitler. The quotation reads:

"'I have never seen among any peasantry of Europe poverty so abject as that which exists from Arkansas on to the east coast.'"

The American Legion, Mr. Kamp writes, "has been fighting Highlander as a subversive enterprise since 1935; Gerald Foley, president of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, has publicly branded it as 'Communistic'."

Further concerning Mrs. Roosevelt the author writes:

"'I am greatly interested in what you are doing, for it is a much needed work,' said Mrs. Roosevelt when she met with the students and staff members of Highlander at a supper they tendered her at Chattanooga's Ross Hotel last April. She was accompanied by Dr. Frank Graham, once a board member of Soviet Russia's State University of Moscow Summer School for Training American Students in Communism. Also in the party were Gardner Jackson, former government official lately involved in a plot to smear the Dies Committee and previously exposed as having been a regular contributor to a Communist organization; and Kathryn Lewis, daughter of John L. Lewis, who recently sided openly with the Communist faction in the New York CIO convention."

A photograph in the booklet shows Mrs. Roosevelt in conference with Dr. Frank Graham and Myles Horton, a University of Chicago graduate and one of the founders of Highlander. Mr. Kamp quotes Horton as saying that the school affords "an opportunity to direct the American revolutionary tradition towards a cooperative society operated by and for the workers". Horton is the present Director of the School, although Mr. Kamp says he spends part of his time as a CIO organizer.

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Constitutional Educational League, Inc.,
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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Oct. 26. "A check from the White House helps support Fifth Column activity in the South."

This charge supported by a photographic reproduction of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's check, is printed on the inside front cover of a booklet, "The FIFTH COLUMN in the South", released here today from the Southern headquarters of the Constitutional Educational League. The author, Joseph P. Kamp, Vice-Chairman of the League, also wrote the widely circulated expose, "The FIFTH COLUMN in Washington."

Photographs in the booklet show Mrs. Roosevelt's check for \$100 drawn April 23, 1940, on the Bank of New York payable to the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., and the letter of transmittal on White House stationery addressed to James Dombrowski at the School.

Dombrowski, according to the booklet, was arrested in Elizabethton, Tennessee, during the Communist-led textile strikes in 1929, and in 1932 brought Soviet posters from Russia which were held up by the U.S. Customs as "seditious."

The Nashville Tennessean, Democratic newspaper supporting President Roosevelt for a third term, is one of the many sources quoted to support Mr. Kamp's "indictment." That newspaper investigated Highlander Folk School last year and, according to the Kamp booklet, declared it to be "a center, if not THE center for the spreading of Communist doctrine in thirteen Southeastern states."

The author charges that this "training center for Communist agitators" has been regularly supported by Mrs. Roosevelt since 1932 and that it has received financial help through the National Youth Administration and the WPA. He quotes Highlander as advertising that its regular staff of instructors is assisted by "government officials who will lecture and lead discussions." Mr. Kamp names, among others, Frank Coffee of the Social Security Board,

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Denver, Colorado
October 26, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies
of a letter addressed to this office by Mayor R. W.
ORR of Sheridan, Wyoming, under date of October 21,
1940. It will be noted that the letter relates to
a WILLIAM WINNICK and a publication known as "The
Fifth Column In Washington".

I would appreciate being furnished
any information available which can be forwarded
to Mayor ORR.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Gebben
E. J. GEBBEN
Special Agent in Charge

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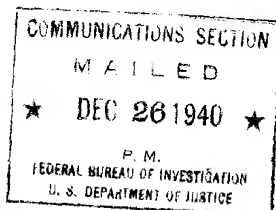
Reference is made to your letter of October 26, 1940, wherein you transmitted copies of a letter addressed to your office by Mayor R. W. Orr of Sheridan, Wyoming, dated October 21, 1940.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that you should tactfully advise Mayor Orr that he undoubtedly can obtain the information he desires by contacting the Bureau wherein Dr. Irving W. Winnick was employed as an interne.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CITY OF SHERIDAN WYOMING

October 21, 1940

Mr. E. J. Gebben
Federal Bureau of Investigation
518 Railway Exchange Building
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Gebben:

I am not sure that you can obtain this information or be permitted to give it to me--however, if there is any way in which I can get this information I am asking you for I will greatly appreciate it.

There is a gentleman in our town by the name of Winnick. His name is William and he is a physician at the Veterans Hospital at Fort Mackensie. There has been a report circulated throughout the hospital as well as the City that Mr. Winnick's name is listed on page 25 under the caption "Service" in the book known as "The Fifth Column in Washington" by Joseph P. Kamp, in which it lists several hundred names, the same as this one.

However, as his name is William Winnick, the name listed in this book is Irving W. Winnick and at the time this book was published was an interne. If it would be possible for you to find out who this Irving W. Winnick is through your connections in Washington, D. C., I would greatly appreciate it. Also where he is located at the present time.

My idea is to try to clear up the misconstrued idea of some of the people here that this is one and the same man. I am not of that opinion personally and I feel that he is being persecuted on account of this report being manufactured.

I would appreciate any help you can give me in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ R. W. ORR

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R. W. ORR,
Mayor

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Mr. Hoover:

Referring to some correspondence we had with you some time ago, the writer takes the liberty of forwarding you a pamphlet published by the ~~Constitutional~~ Educational League, Inc. and it is so fierce in it's statements, that we were wondering if you had ever seen one of these booklets.

Of course, the writer is a strong believer in your protection of the American people from sabotage or Fifth Columnists. We notice that you have all of these members of the Fifth Column located to see what they are doing and we presume this is a safety operation of yours, so when the time comes you can take them in.

You will notice the list of the members of the Fifth Column, giving by this publisher, and beginning on the first page, it is startling what he says in reference to Franklin D. Roosevelt, and it is unexplainable, if such were facts. Of course, we know that Browder should be prosecuted and you know Frances Perkins is hardly loyal to the United States. Aside from those, there is John L. Lewis, who is very dangerous, in the writer's opinion. By living in a free country, we are supposed to be able to express ourselves.

The writer is a strong believer in the Roosevelt administration, especially Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt. We think he is the most wonderful man that ever came in office and he has done more for this country than any other President.

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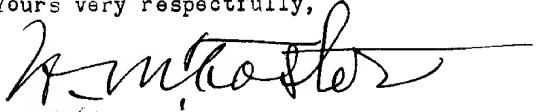
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We would like to hear from you, and if you have already received a booklet of this kind, please return this one to us. Or if you wish, you may keep it as we can secure other copies at only 25¢ per booklet. We would appreciate your views, whether or not this booklet contains the facts or is misstating the facts.

With regards.

Yours very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. M. Foster', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

W. M. ~~X~~ Foster
P. O. Drawer #566
Waco, Texas

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Mr. W. M. Foster
Post Office Drawer 566
Waco, Texas

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Dear Mr. Foster:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated October 29, 1940, with enclosure, and I desire to thank you for your courtesy and interest in again corresponding with this Bureau.

You may be assured that the content of your communication, and the material so thoughtfully submitted by you has been carefully noted. However, I must advise with respect to your inquiry, that I am precluded by a well-established policy of the Department of Justice from expressing an opinion concerning the organization to which you make reference.

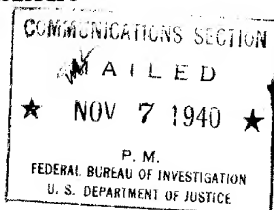
I hope you will feel free in the future to bring to my attention any information which you deem of interest to this Bureau.

In accordance with your request, I am returning herewith the copy of the publication which you brought to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure



Mr. Tolson _____
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

October 16, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Joseph P. Kamp
"The Fifth Column
in Washington"

Congressman Hobbs of Alabama telephoned and advised he is in receipt of a letter concerning a pamphlet of approximately thirty pages entitled "The Fifth Column in Washington" published by the ~~the~~ Constitutional Educational League, Inc., with return address 1320 First National Bank Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

He desires to know if the Bureau knew anything about this pamphlet; that it is a severe attack on the Government and in his opinion poisons the minds of the youth. He advised that a constituent writes him describing this pamphlet and stating that it has been distributed in Alabama and the constituent is inquiring as to the league publishing same.

The Bureau has received a number of these pamphlets from different parts of the country. A copy is attached.

I called the Congressman's office and in his absence left word with his secretary that the Bureau has no information concerning this league; that no investigation has been made by the Bureau of an organization of this name.

Respectfully,

S. J. Tracy

*I think we ought to
get a line on this outfit.*

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New Haven, Connecticut

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Dear Sir:

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.;
JOSEPH P. KAMP

I wish to advise that the Bureau is in receipt of information to the effect that the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., with headquarters in the First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut, has recently published a booklet entitled, "The Fifth Column in Washington," written by Joseph P. Kamp, a copy of which is transmitted herewith. It is to be noted that the contents of this booklet brand many of the leading officials of the Federal Government as "Fifth Columnists".

A review of the Bureau files indicates that this organization was created by Chester A. Hansen and Joseph P. Kamp of New Haven, Connecticut, for the alleged purpose of investigating the activities of the Communist Party and alien movements in the United States.

It is also reported that Chester A. Hansen is presently the executive secretary of the organization and that the League has an account with the Irvington Trust Company, New York City, under the name of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

On July 12, 1937, Representative Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan spoke before a convention of 10,000 employees of the Remington-Rand Company in Auburn, New York, at which time he bitterly criticized John L. Lewis and the CIO and extolled the ideals and methods of Samuel Gompers. A convention was held under the auspices of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

The Bureau files also reflect that Joseph P. Kamp is, and has been very prominent in the activities of this organization. He is reported to be an intimate acquaintance of Miss Elizabeth Billing, author of the book entitled "The Red Network" and "The Roosevelt Red Record", and John E. Kelly, and Joseph E. McWilliams.

On May 12, 1937, it was reported that Kamp was active in the American Historical Society and in the publication of the American Fascist Party bulletin entitled, "The Awakener".

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It is to be noted that Kamp is the author of "Join the CIO and Help Build Soviet America", together with a booklet entitled "Headlines and What's Behind Them", in addition to the above-mentioned article "The Fifth Column in Washington".

On September 22, 1939, Major [redacted] of Jersey City, New Jersey, advised the Newark Field Division that Kamp had a list of Communist names and Communist organizations which he offered to furnish to the Bureau. In view of the general reputation of [redacted] and his associations with the so-called American Fascist organizations, the above offer was rejected. Kamp has been described as a Fascist and extremely anti-Semitic.

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The New Haven Field Division is requested to institute a discreet and thorough investigation pertaining to the identity of the officers and directors of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., and obtain any additional information pertaining to the incorporation of this organization.

It is also desired that you endeavor to ascertain the identity of the individuals presently financing this organization and whether it is affiliated with any other organization of a similar nature, together with the location of any of its bank accounts.

The New Haven Field Division is also requested to conduct a discreet and thorough investigation as to the background, reputation and present activities of Joseph P. Kamp, and to ascertain whether he is engaged in any activities inimical to the welfare of the United States.

The New York City, Milwaukee and Birmingham Field Divisions are requested to institute an appropriate investigation pertaining to the activities of this organization in their respective districts.

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The New York City Office is also requested to obtain as much information as possible pertaining to Joseph P. Kamp. It is believed that Confidential Informant [redacted] will be in a position to supply considerable information pertaining to Kamp and his activities.

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Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

The New Haven Field Division will be considered the office of origin in this case.

The above matter should be given your expeditious and continuous attention.

Very truly yours,

cc New York City (Enclosure)
Milwaukee
Birmingham

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Copy of above-mentioned booklet in Bu. files

**MRS. ROBERT SEAMAN POWELL
FORTY-FOUR CRESCENT ROAD
MADISON, NEW JERSEY**

October 28, 1940.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington,
D. C.

Gentlemen:

There is so much confusion about Fifth Column Activities that it seems too bad that the public mind should be still further confused by unofficial investigations and documents.

Miss Hazel Hoffman of the Constitutional Education League has spoken during the past year here in New Jersey and I have been trying to find out what standing that organization has. The only place I have seen it mentioned is in an article in THE NEW REPUBLIC in which it speaks of Joseph E. Kamp as the C. E. L. head. This article would seem to put Mr. Kamp in the pro-fascist camp.

If you can give any information about Mr. Kamp's organization, it will help to clear up quite a bit of confusion locally since their new booklet, "The Fifth Column in Washington", has been distributed quite widely.

Very truly yours,

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Mrs. Robert Seaman Powell
44 Crescent Road
Madison, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Powell:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 28, 1940.

With respect to your inquiry I must advise that by virtue of a well-established policy of the Department of Justice, all information contained in the files of this Bureau is of a confidential nature and I am therefore unable to furnish any data concerning the organization to which you make reference.

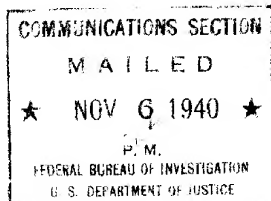
I hope you will feel free in the future to bring to my attention any information which you deem of interest to this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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West LaFayette, Indiana

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have before me a copy of a booklet entitled
"The Fifth Column in Washington," by Joseph P. Kamp. This
booklet is copyrighted by the Constitutional Educational
League, Inc., New Haven, Conn.

This booklet gives some very startling informa-
tion concerning the Fifth Column activities by people said
to be on the Federal Government payroll. I assume that you
are well acquainted with this booklet and I would like to in-
quire as to whether you consider it to be based on facts.

Very truly yours,

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November 19, 1940

Mr. R. B. Cooley
817 North Salisbury Street
West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated November 5, 1940, and your interest in writing to this Bureau is indeed appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry, however, I am compelled to advise that by a well-established policy of the Department of Justice I am precluded from commenting upon the publication to which you make reference.

I hope that you will feel free in the future to bring to my attention any data which you deem to be of interest to this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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~~Re~~ CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE.

Dear Sir:

In the course of a recent conversation [redacted]
[redacted] it was
learned that an individual named Murphy, first name unknown,
was to speak before a [redacted]
Fifth Column activities in this country, [redacted]

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advised that Murphy was a field representative of the
Constitutional Educational League of New York City, and had
spoken of the danger this country was in through the activi-
ties of Fifth Columnists who were identified by Mr. Murphy
chiefly as prominent Government officials, including Robert
H. Jackson, Attorney General. The attached pamphlets entitled
"The Fifth Column in the South" and "The Fifth Column in
Washington," published by the Constitutional Educational League,
were distributed to the audience and were made available to
this office [redacted] They are being forwarded to the
Bureau inasmuch as mention is made of the Director and the
Bureau in each of them. It is probable that these pamphlets
and this organization have previously been brought to the
attention of the Bureau, but since this is the first occasion
activities of this group have been brought to the notice of
the Buffalo Office the Bureau is being informed. Enclosed
is also a form letter signed by Mr. Joseph P. Kamp, Vice-
Chairman, addressed to the Members of the Rotary Club of
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[redacted] the Mr. Murphy previously
mentioned had come to Buffalo and had gone individually to
several [redacted] to interest them in his organ-
ization and in his "message." It appears that [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. Murphy and became so impressed with

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the "alarming situation" as portrayed by Mr. Murphy that he arranged with the Pastor of his church to call a meeting, at which Mr. Murphy might enlighten other responsible citizens. [redacted] the meeting was attended by [redacted]

[redacted] but that Mr. Murphy's message was coldly received. Many of the audience, [redacted]

[redacted] were thoroughly angered by Mr. Murphy's loose talk, alarmist viewpoint, and the very evident racketeering character of the organization he represented.

[redacted] Mr. Murphy his opinion of Mr. John Edgar Hoover, to which Murphy replied that he also had his suspicions of him as a Fifth Columnist. [redacted] and others also pointedly questioned Murphy concerning the desirability of leaving counter-Fifth Column activities in the hands of law enforcement agencies responsible for such matters.


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It was clear, [redacted] that this organization, which claims to have already collected over \$600,000.00 in contributions, was primarily interested in money, and that the manner in which representatives such as Murphy were spreading hysteria and encouraging private indiscriminate action was alarming and more dangerous than the evils preached against.

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The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau. [redacted] his comments be kept in confidence.

Very truly yours,


H. T. O'CONNOR,
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Special Agent in Charge
New Haven, Connecticut

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

I have received information from the Buffalo Field Division that a Mr. Murphy, a field representative of the Constitutional Educational League of New York City, had appeared at a meeting in Buffalo, where he had spoken of the danger this country was in through the activities of fifth columnists who were identified by him as being Government officials, including the Honorable Robert H. Jackson, Attorney General, and myself.

It is reported that this organization claims to have collected over \$600,000.00 in contributions with which it claims to fight fifth column activities. It is believed that the organization is primarily interested in money rather than doing anything in the line of combating fifth column activities.

A review of the Bureau's files reflects that this organization, which is located at 42 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut, was organized approximately ten years ago by one Chester A. Hanson and Joseph P. Kemp, as a fact-finding movement concerning the workings of the Communist and other alien Red movements, and for the further purpose of disseminating this information through every known means of public expression, such as newspapers, magazines, speeches, the radio, etc.

Probate Court Judge John L. Gilson, New Haven, was the chairman of the league for many years, resigning in March of 1938. It is reported at the present time that Chester A. Hanson, who may be identical with Chester A. Hanson, is the executive secretary.

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M A The organization has held patriotic meetings in front of plants where workers were on strike. Joseph P. Kemp was one of the speakers at a publication called the "Hansenger" which is

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described as a monthly Fascist paper published in New York City, headed by Harold Lord Varney, Lawrence Dennis, and Colonel Wilford W. Howard, in addition to Kemp. All of these individuals are reported to have Fascist leanings. Kemp is reported to have been active against the strikers at the E. Miller and Sons, Incorporated, plant in Long Island City in 1932, and to have subsequently distributed leaflets against the National Textile Workers in Connecticut.

Varney, in 1937, was reported to be putting out a pamphlet against the C. I. O., allegedly written by Joseph P. Kemp, entitled "Join the C. I. O." This pamphlet was published by the Constitutional Educational League.

At a meeting held in New York City on October 30, 1938, a petition and resolution was submitted to the audience for approval in relation to the activities of the Dies Committee. This petition appeared to be sponsored by the Constitutional Educational League, having offices at 15 West 44th Street, New York City, with national headquarters in the First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut, and a southern office in the Protective Life Building, Birmingham, Alabama. There was also distributed at this meeting a copy of "Headlines and What's Behind Them," published by the Constitutional Educational League. This organization is reported to have an office known as the Midwest Headquarters, Pioneer Building, Madison, Wisconsin. It has published a booklet entitled "Fifth Column in Washington." It is reported that about 100,000 of these booklets have been printed since June of 1940 and sent to all parts of the United States.

In a letter dated October 10, 1940, addressed to the Bureau and signed "A Citizen," it is stated that the Constitutional Educational League on the fifth floor of 342 Madison Avenue, New York, is definitely a fifth column group. The league is directed by Joseph P. Kemp, a notorious Fascist and anti-Semite who has been linked with the man McWilliams (this evidently refers to Joseph P. McWilliams), who was recently sent to jail for his activities. The letter continued by stating that the league is conducting a campaign to undermine the Government authority at Washington.

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It is my desire that you consider yourself the office of origin and conduct the necessary investigation to determine whether this organization is operating as an agent of a foreign principal in violation of the Registration Act. It appears that the pamphlets distributed by it are of a propaganda nature, and it is my desire that you determine whether this organization is being fostered by some foreign entity.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York City

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Members of the Rotary Club of Buffalo:

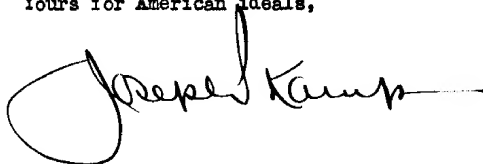
Greater than the threat of National Bankruptcy, or Unemployment, or Poor Business, or even War — foreign or any other kind — is the danger from the Fifth Column in these United States. When you think of the Fifth Column in our country do not concern yourselves greatly with the misguided hirelings from Russia or Germany for, with proper action by our Government agencies and officials, they can easily be controlled and stamped out.

However, investigations which the League has conducted show that the growth of the Fifth Column in this country has been materially assisted by Communists and "Fellow Travelers" within the Government itself. You will find names and facts which will surprise you in the "Fifth Column" books which are being sent herewith.

Should any of you question the authenticity of statements pertaining to those referred to on List No. 1 on page 4 of "The FIFTH COLUMN in Washington" I would call your attention to the \$1,000 Reward offer on the back cover of this booklet.

Put these booklets in your pocket now; read them before you rest this night and figure out for yourselves what you as members of the Rotary Club and as loyal citizens of this great Republic should do to get rid of disloyal Fifth Columnists who have taken an oath to support our Constitution, yet do not believe in the American system of government and are giving aid and comfort to un-American forces seeking to undermine and destroy our institutions.

Yours for American ideals,



"Organized to preserve the American System—to defend the Constitution and insure Life, Liberty and Pr.

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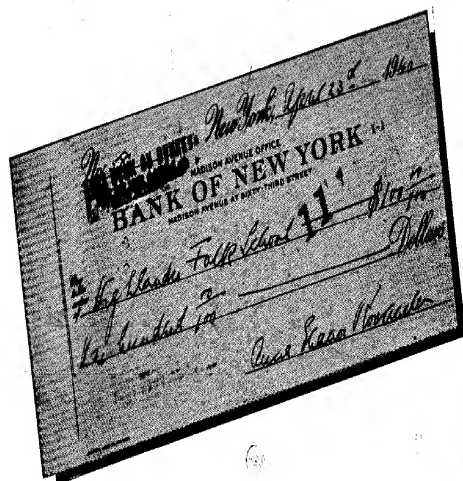
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By Joseph P. Kamp

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DEDICATED
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WILLIAM B. BANKHEAD

Statesman — Patriot — Great American — Southerner
who, in his last message to the American
people at the Democratic National Convention
at Chicago on July 15, 1940, said:

THERE is abundant proof that lurking within the shadows of our government's edifice, laying their mischievous plans at the proper time to sap and mine it, or to put the red torch of revolution and disunion against our democratic form of government, are those forces of evil, now commonly called 'The Fifth Column'."

"No one knows how great are their numbers, but evidence already produced shows that they run into tens of thousands, all of them sworn enemies of our form of government. However great or small may be their number, there is no place in the United States for a single one of them to abide in freedom."

INDICTMENT

A dangerous alien-bred and alien-minded Fifth Column has invaded an unsuspecting Southland.

Its agents, agitators and saboteurs are in strategic positions in the schools and the churches; among farmers and industrial workers; on WPA projects and in Government agencies. Everywhere—in every Southern state—in most every community—this sinister network is spreading its vicious propaganda and organizing its forces.

Even immature children's minds are being poisoned in nursery schools set up for this purpose.

So subtle has been its approach, it has enlisted and is currently receiving the help of many respected and trusting Southerners.

Already its clever and disarming propaganda has won thousands of recruits. Wittingly or un-wittingly they are cooperating, despite the fact that the subversive conspiracies of this Fifth Column threaten to bring economic ruin, moral bankruptcy, and the destruction of time-honored Southern traditions.

Its program is anti-American and anti-God.

The ultimate goal is social chaos, the overthrow of the government and the establishment of "a new social order"—a new form of government planned by the Master Minds of Moscow. But the rallying cry of the invader is:

"The poor South! We must save it!"

Just as Hitler "saved" Denmark, Norway, and the Low Countries Joe Stalin's "South savers" and their dupes and stooges are determined to "save the South," in spite of itself.

Communists, Socialists and Reds of a hundred varied scarlet hues are united in compassion for the "victims" of "a wasted land and a wasted people, the nation's No. 1 economic problem," as Howard Kester, one of the saviours, describes the South and its people in the April, 1940, issue of *Fellowship*, a Red pacifist publication.

Whence do these "South savers" hail?

From a dingy office in New Haven, Connecticut; from Mr. Rockefeller's Rainbow Room in Radio City; from Left-leaning Northern Colleges; from Moscow's American annex, hard by Union Square in New York; from "union" headquarters in Pittsburgh, Chicago and way stations; from Government offices in Washington, and even from week-ends in the White House, come these self-styled humanitarians, starry-eyed uplifters, self-important Government payrollers, impractical soft-hearted preachers, professional social workers, thrill-seeking students, simple-minded professors, dues-snatching CIO organizers, fiery agitators for revolution, and just plain "crack-pots."

These are the self-selected saviours of the South!

Plentifully supplied with brains, and money—millions, in fact—these modern carpet-baggers, with their slick and oily ballyhoo, their sit-down strikes and sabotage, and their phoney nostrums, are taking advantage of traditional Southern hospitality while injecting themselves into peaceful communities to bring discord, dissention and unrest—and very often lawless demonstrations and riots with accompanying violence and death.

One of the first of these "South savers" was Agnes Sailer, who came from her home in New York to Marion, N. C., in 1929 to fan the flames of a "strike" which resulted in the death of six, with twenty others seriously injured.

After this "lesson in revolution," as the Communists called it, she continued her agitation in the vicinity and eventually founded an inter-racial camp at Old Fort where, to this day, with the assistance of instructors from two Communist training centers, Commonwealth College and Highlander Folk School, white and negro children are taught "simple economics" and "given a labor [?] slant in the delightful form of stories, plays and games."

The institution is named "Camp Larry" in honor of one of the Marion "strike" leaders, who, after serving a six months chain-gang sentence journeyed to Katonah, N. Y. on the urging of Miss Sailer to enroll at a Communist school, Brookwood Labor College, which, at the time, was headed by Russian-born Dr. David J. Sapos, now the Chief Economist and "brains" of the National Labor Relations Board.

It was also in 1929 that Fred Beal, former I.W.W., at that time a Communist leader in Massachusetts, and George Pershing, a cousin of General Pershing according to the Communist press, were ordered south by the little Stalins of Union Square. Shortly after they arrived in Gastonia, N. C., they succeeded in starting a strike in a local textile plant. While the mill workers believed they were striking for higher wages, shorter hours, and better working conditions, Pershing, on the first day of the strike, confided to a newspaper reporter that his principal interest was to take over the factory and the government.

"I am here," he said, "for the purpose of organizing the Young Communist Workers' League. The principal view of the Communists is control of the country by the workers. Under Communist control the Loray mill and every other mill would be operated by a general committee made up of one representative worker from each department, and they would elect a manager who would be responsible to this general committee."

It would be as simple as that. But, as in Russia, impossible!

Beal and Pershing got their orders from Albert Weisbord, the Communist leader who ran the bloody Passaic strike in New Jersey a few years before. They brought the same kind of mass violence to Gastonia; and when it appeared that they were getting nowhere fast, Weisbord arrived on the scene with special orders from the Central Committee of the Communist Party, and from the Moscow Comintern, too.

The Central Committee directed that a general strike be called in all mills, while the Comintern insisted that the Negro Question be made a principal issue in the strike. Weisbord explained:

"It is not just a skirmish. We must prepare the workers for the coming revolution. We must look ahead and smash all feeling of inequality."

The general strike was declared. The Negro issue was stressed. Violence increased. State troops were called to maintain order. New Communist organizers arrived. The strikes spread to Bessemer City, Pineville, Charlotte, Lexington, to mills in South Carolina and to Elizabethton, Tennessee, where James Dombrowski, a young theological student, was jailed because of his subversive agitation.

From New York Communist-defending *American Civil Liberties Union attorneys arrived to plague the authorities with legal proceedings

*AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, according to the New York State Lusk Report "is supporter of all subversive movements; its propaganda is detrimental to the state;" while the Fish Committee identified it as being "closely affiliated with the Communist movement in the United States, and fully 90% of its efforts are on behalf of Communism." An investigating Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature after an inquiry into subversive activities reported "the propaganda of this organization is dictated and dominated by Communists and Communist supporters."

to prevent interference with the ruthless tactics of the Red leaders. Then came the murder of the Chief of Police of Gastonia, and the arrest, trial and conviction of Beal and six of his fellow Communists.

After their release on bail, Beal and some of his co-defendants went off to the Soviet Union, and to escape jail conveniently forgot to come back leaving the Civil Liberties Union and the International Labor Defense, another Communist outfit, holding the bag.

However, Beal finally decided that the prospect of a term in prison in the U. S. was preferable to living under unbearable conditions in Russia. He is now "doing time" in a North Carolina jail, thanking Heaven he's safely out of the "workers' paradise."

Since this Beal-Pershing-Weisbord "blitzkrieg" into the South fizzled so disastrously, Communist activity below the Mason-Dixon line has been soft-pedaled—except for the Herndon and Scottsboro cases, which were ballyhooed to impress the Negro element, principally in the North.

Actually the Red campaign to win power and influence in the South has been pushed with increasing vigor throughout the years. It has been done quietly and even secretly in many instances. Working through innocent appearing "fronts" such as the Communist controlled CIO and the Communist sponsored and dominated Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the movement has grown in a measure beyond belief.

Slowly and surely their strength has developed. An up-to-the-minute survey discloses: two recent battles decisively won, five reconnaissance forays successfully completed, two more about to be instituted, and a total war on two fronts in the stage of final preparation.

The Fifth Column in the South means business.

It intends to win, at all costs.

Even if it has to bring race riots (as this is written, October 5th, 1940, newspaper dispatches report race riots in Dallas, Texas) and mass violence; or finally revolutionary uprisings with wholesale destruction of lives and property—a catastrophe that, by comparison, would make Sherman's march to the sea seem tame and trivial.

EXHIBIT "A"

The first Southern victory for Communism in 1940 was scored when Governor James H. Price of Virginia vetoed the Heller Bill which would have prohibited the use of school buildings to persons who "*advocate or teach the doctrine that the Government of the United States or the Commonwealth of Virginia should be overthrown by force, violence or any unlawful means.*"

The American Legion sponsored this bill and both houses of the Virginia Legislature passed it unanimously. Then, on March 19, 1940, the Communist-aiding American Civil Liberties Union from New York swung into action with a barrage of communications to its carefully cultivated Leftist contacts and, before the good patriots of Virginia could unfurl the flag in celebration over the Legislature's action, the Governor found himself buried under an avalanche of letters and telegrams and completely hemmed in with delegations. The pressure was too much. He surrendered to the un-American forces without a fight.

At this same time the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs were planning their convention at Old Point Comfort. For fifteen years a feature of the convention was an Americanism breakfast.

This year the speaker selected for the occasion was Major A. Cloyd Gill, a former editor of the Atlanta Constitution, lineal descendant of Thomas Jefferson and other ancestors who played leading parts in both the founding of Virginia and in the Revolution. His subject was to have been "Youth and Americanism." Major Gill, it was known, would discuss the subversive activities of the Communistic elements as they pertained to young people.

The American Civil Liberties crowd didn't intend to stand for that! Without wasting time they brought pressure to bear and, on instructions from the president of the Federation, the invitation to Major Gill to appear (at his own expense) was withdrawn, with profound apologies from the program chairman, who wrote: "I know of no one I would rather have than you—for the message you carry is vital. Not only do I grieve for the rudeness I am obliged to show you, but for the loss of your message to Virginia."

The Red Fifth Column scored a second victory!

The next foray into the South was the fifth annual "economic seminar" of the ultra-Red National Religion and Labor Foundation with headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut, which started on July 2nd under the leadership of the Rev. Charles C. Webber. Through this "seminar" which lasted a month, "many heroic men and women—ministers, teachers, organizers and rank-and-file workers—laboring to rebuild a disintegrating social order" were brought in "direct contact with workers themselves in the mills, mines and on the plantations" in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, boasts a "Foundation" document.

It may seem far-fetched to suggest that a "religious" Foundation and a "minister" of the Gospel could have anything to do with either the Communism of Lenin and Russia or its scheme to subvert the South and overthrow the American government, and yet the connection is indisputable.

More than that, with this seemingly innocuous "religious" movement as a starting point, a bewildering maze of connecting links will lead to almost every Fifth Column organization, enterprise and endeavor now engaged in the atheistic, un-American, anti-Southern drive.

The National Religion and Labor Foundation was organized by and its original national committee and directing personnel were composed almost exclusively of Socialists and Communists.

The original President of the "Foundation" was Sidney Hillman, head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, which, according to the Lusk Committee of the New York Legislature "is in reality an industrial arm of the Socialist Party of America, working for the objects of that party."

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party says: "The program of the Socialist Party and the program of the Communist Party have a common origin in the document known as the Communist Manifesto. *There is no difference in final aim.*"

The Communist leanings of Mr. Hillman and his union were shown in a concrete way in 1922 when they organized the Russian-American Industrial Corporation, raised a million dollars from American workers and sent it to Moscow to "aid in the rehabilitation of Russia."

"Congressman Crawford on the floor of the House just recently charged that: 'Mrs. I. P. Hodges, District Director of WPA, served tea on a group of women at New York (N. C.) that the Lord's Prayer could not be allowed at the beginning of the daily operation of their sewing project.'"

Mr. Hillman was recently appointed by President Roosevelt to the National Defense Council, and yet, just two weeks ago his Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America contributed union funds to the Communist Party.

But to return to the "Foundation." In its official organ one of the "Foundation's" Communist committeemen writes: "It is no longer a question of the need of revolution; the question is as to the method of bringing the revolution to pass . . . the work of revolution would have to be carried through—a Lenin leadership . . . Consequently, our concern is to build the understanding leadership from those who are ready to digest the strong meat of direct revolutionary preparation." This gives a clear picture of the purposes of this "religious front."

The Rev. Mr. Webber, a former organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, according to his biography, "has helped organize the unemployed and participated in strikes." He was a staff member at the Labor Temple, New York City, when it was headed by the Rev. Abraham J. Muste, an Executive Committeeman of the "Foundation" and former head of the Trotskyite Communists, who in 1937, was one of the principal organizers and speakers for the Communist-controlled CIO in its invasion of the South.

What the Rev. Mr. Webber stands for and what sort of message he brought as a missionary to the South can best be judged from his remarks to a conference of Middle Atlantic Seminary students. He told them: "The missionary of tomorrow will show the workers how they can bring about the abolition of capitalism . . . He will sustain the workers in their efforts by picketing with strikers . . . He will assist in establishing labor colleges where . . . the contribution of Soviet Russia in her attempt to establish a new social order will be discussed."

In this latter connection it is interesting to note that the Rev. Mr. Webber was one of the founders and a staff member of Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee. When the Dies Committee investigated Highlander they found that the list of financial supporters was in the possession of the Rev. Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary, who headed the notorious Communist "front" organization, the American League for Peace and Democracy, of which the Rev. Mr. Webber was also an officer. Dr. Ward withheld the list from the Dies Committee on the ground that [because of the nature of the "educational" work being carried on by the school] it would be embarrassing to the contributors to have their names made public.

Dr. Ward and Dr. Webber were joint Secretaries of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, an organization, according to its official

organ "which seeks to abolish the profit system." Mr. Webber replaced Winifred Chappell, who left the Methodist Federation in New York to become head of the faculty at Communist Commonwealth College in Mena, Arkansas.

The Methodist Federation was one of ten Left-wing organizations which cooperated with the Religion and Labor Foundation in sponsoring the Rev. Mr. Webber's "seminar."

An illustration of how these Red groups work together can be seen in the fact that the "Foundation," in cooperation with Commonwealth College, assisted in financing and organizing the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union. One of the pamphlets descriptive of this endeavor declares: "For these men Socialism is the answer."

The Southern Tenant Farmers' Union was also helped financially by the Share Croppers' Union, an outfit organized by the Communist Party. Literature and even membership cards of the Croppers' Union were printed on the presses at Communist headquarters in New York. Today the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union is part of the CIO.

Ward H. Rodgers, a member of the Religion and Labor Foundation who later became a teacher at Commonwealth, was one of the principal agitators for the Tenant Farmers' Union. He told one audience of sharecroppers "to lynch every planter in Poinsett County" and was arrested for anarchy.

Rodgers' friend, Lucien Koch, head of Commonwealth, immediately wired Mrs. Roosevelt to help Rodgers, and the charges were dropped.

It was then discovered that Rodgers was in charge of Government schools for workers' education in Arkansas and Texas. A letter found on his person by the police, addressed to the National Secretary of the Socialist Party, declared: "We have no patriotic loyalty to old organizations in the South. We want a revolution under any name . . . that was the attitude of the 36 students in the FERA (Government) workers' education school at Austin (Texas)."

What was an instructor at a Communist College doing on the Government payroll? "An accident" might be a simple explanation, but for the fact that other Commonwealth faculty members and officials were put on the taxpayers' payroll too.

For example, Dr. William E. Zuech, one of the founders of this fountain-head of Communist learning, who in 1931 expressed the wish

that he could tell the Fish Committee "the many good things about Red, Red Russia, and the many evil things about the United States," was one of the first to pack his bags and go off to Washington to join the Federal payrollers.

Dr. Lucien Koch, the new President, of Commonwealth, was hauled before an investigating committee of the State Legislature. He admitted that he did not believe in God, had never voted—never had any regard for the American government—almost floored his questioner when he said: "I believe that the government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics (Russia) is in many ways superior to the American government."

A few weeks later Dr. Koch was on the Government payroll too, as an "expert" for the Consumers' Division N.R.A. Later he became a CIO organizer.

Another Commonwealth instructor Harold Coy was placed in entire charge of the editorial department of the Federal Writers Project in Washington. In this connection some secret testimony before the Dies Committee is most illuminating.

Mrs. Louise Lazell, a friend of Mrs. Roosevelt's who came to the Writers' Project after writing speeches for the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee, gave some interesting testimony before a "closed" session of the Dies investigation. The transcript of the hearing reads:

"The CHAIRMAN. Have you found or do you know as a fact, that Mr. Coy and Mr. Alsberg, at the headquarters of the Federal Writers Project, have shaped their material for propaganda purposes?"

"Mrs. LAZELL. Yes, sir.

"The CHAIRMAN. Against business and against industry as a class?"

"Mrs. LAZELL. Yes, sir; and against the Government.

"The CHAIRMAN (incredulously). Against the Government itself?"

"Mrs. LAZELL. Yes, sir."

Mr. Henry Alsberg, who acknowledged a bowing acquaintance with Lenin but told the Dies Committee that he does not know how he got his job nor who recommended him, was national Director of the Writers Project.

Further light was thrown on the true situation when Chairman Dies asked:

"Then I understand you to say that the officials of the Department have written back to State headquarters for more material on the Negro question and on Labor troubles, so that, is it correct to say, that those in charge here in Washington have invited propaganda for the purpose of stirring up strife between capital and labor and between the races?"

"Yes, sir!" asserted Mrs. LAZELL.

So much for Commonwealth's Mr. Coy.

One of the most influential jobs of all went to Miss Hilda Smith, a member of Commonwealth's Board and close friend and almost constant week-end guest of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Miss Smith was named National Director of the Workers' Education Project. And, she did a good job, too—a good job for Communism.

Her first task was to train teachers for workers' education. She did it with the help of instructors from the Communist Workers' Schools and the Socialist Rand School. She also prepared a manual which was published with government funds. The title reads: "BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND OTHER MATERIALS recommended for Libraries of Training Centers for Workers' Education, and Teachers of Workers' Education." This Government document recommends the "Daily Worker," official organ of the Communist Party; "Labor Action," organ of the Trotskyite Communists; "Workers' Age," organ of Communist Party (left); and also other Communist and Socialist books and pamphlets.

In recommending the booklet, "For Revolution," by V. F. Calverton, this United States Government document, says:

"The task which confronts us is not to avert revolution, but to hasten it."

Among the teachers, to mention just a few, were Walter and Victor Reuther, CIO sit-down strike leaders, who coined the slogan "Carry on the Fight for a Soviet America," and James H. Dolsen, an admitted Communist whose membership card was made out in the name of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Dolsen is a cousin of Earl Browder, head of the Communist party, but he was on the government payroll as a teacher in workers' education just the same—neither in spite of this relationship, or because of it.

An investigation of these schools conducted by the Federal Grand Jury Association produced a report which declares:

"Convincing evidence has been brought to our attention that public funds . . . were used to pay adults \$8 a week to be taught Commun-

ism and subversive doctrines. We understand that there are some 20,000 such students . . . scattered throughout the country and that the graduates were to become instructors and leaders in activities intended to bring about the overthrow of our government."

Accordingly, there are plenty of teachers now, and they'll do a good Fifth Column job because, according to this report, these government-trained instructors in "workers' education" were taught:

"How to foment a strike."

"How to take over the industries of the United States, especially the munitions plants."

"How to bring about the general strike, and then seize and operate the plants."

"How to overthrow the United States Government and establish a Soviet Union."

About a year ago, James Dombrowski and Myles Horton of the Highlander Folk School arranged a three-day conference to spread this "workers' education" throughout the South. The conference was held in the International Ladies Garment Workers Hall in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The principal attraction and guiding spirit of the conference was Miss Hilda Smith. Dr. H. Clarence Nixon, Executive Secretary of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, also took a leading part in the proceedings.

The Committee on Workers' Education, composed of representatives of CIO groups, and the Southern Summer School were joint sponsors of the conference along with Highlander Folk School. The "Southern Summer School", strange as it may seem, has its offices at 437 West 59th Street, New York City.

With all this help in extending her workers' education program Hilda Smith is doing a service for the Communist cause that Commonwealth can well boast of.

It should be noted here that these Red Fifth Columnists from Commonwealth College, who somehow were appointed to good Government jobs, were paid with "relief" funds. It may and it may not be a coincidence that a financial supporter of Commonwealth, Aubrey Williams, was Deputy WPA Administrator and later Acting Administrator during this period. He now heads the National Youth Administration.

But seeing to it that these flaming Reds received nice fat Government checks was not all that Aubrey did for the "cause." To cap the climax Mr. Williams arranged to provide this Communist College with a Government subsidy—at the taxpayers' expense.

Ten days ago the following item was printed in the Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald:

ANARCHY IS LAID TO LABOR COLLEGE

MENA, Ark., Sept. 20—(AP)—Deputy Prosecutor J. F. Quillin disclosed late Friday that he had filed a formal charge of anarchy against Commonwealth College, widely known labor school located near here, and had impounded the college's records, correspondence, and literature.

Quillin said the charge was filed against the college as a corporation, and the warrant of arrest served on Nathan Oser, college director. The deputy prosecutor said the charge was based on the allegation that the school disseminated propaganda "with the intent to encourage and advocate overthrowing the present government of the state of Arkansas and the United States of America by violence and other unlawful means."

Quillin said his investigation at the college disclosed that Ralph Field, Communist candidate for governor, who is seeking by mandamus action at Little Rock to obtain a place on the Arkansas general election ballot, was instructor in economics for Commonwealth, and maintained his home on the campus property.

Three days went by and another dispatch appeared:

COLLEGE FACING NEW ACCUSATIONS

MENA, Ark., Sept. 23—(AP)—Deputy Prosecutor J. F. Quillin said Monday that he had filed two additional charges of displaying an unlawful emblem and of failure to display the American flag against Commonwealth College, widely known labor school near here.

The prosecutor said the "unlawful emblem" mentioned in the charge was the hammer and sickle of Russia which he claimed to have found embedded in some of the school's literature.

The Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, on September 25, 1940 carried the final story:

College Is Fined For Anarchy, Using 'Illegal Emblem'

MENA, Ark., Sept. 25—(AP)—Upholding the state's contention that a hammer-and-sickle emblem was illegal, Justice of Peace Clem Brown fined Commonwealth College, widely known labor school near here, \$2,500 yesterday on charges of anarchy, displaying an "illegal emblem," and failure to display the United States flag. The charges are misdemeanors.

The fine was assessed "in absentia" when school representatives walked out of the trial after the justice denied a change of venue motion on technicalities.

A little fine won't worry Commonwealth or the Fifth Column or interfere with its drive to take over the South. Commonwealth has many supporters and it also raises funds collectively with its co-Communist institution, Highlander Folk School. They have the right kind of sponsorship. One joint advertisement which appeared in Left publications was a real tear-jerker. It would have softened a heart of stone and brought forth genuine sympathy for the plight of the poor South.

"All through the South," says the ad in part, "mass tragedy involving millions of men, women and children is being enacted . . . feudalism and peonage . . . organization is the first step." Then came a plea for funds.

Illustrated with the usual "ailing baby" pictures, the ad features a statement by Vice Presidential Candidate Henry Wallace who once wrote praise of Lenin, Mussolini and Hitler. The quotation reads:

"I have never seen among any peasantry of Europe poverty so object as that which exists from Arkansas on to the east coast."

The poor South!

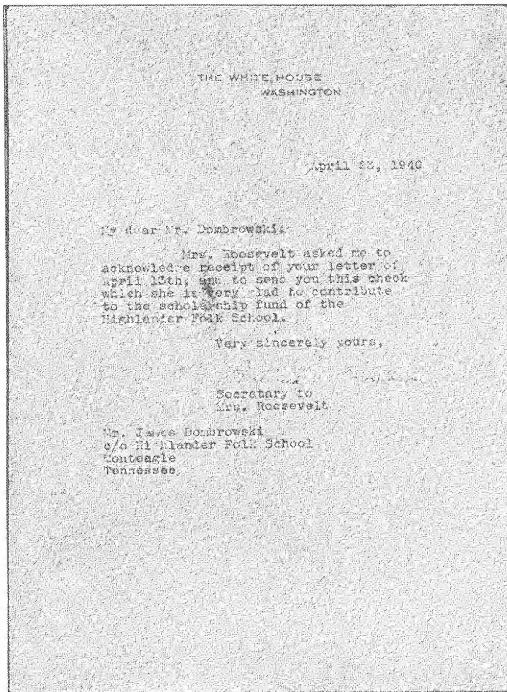


EXHIBIT "B"

Highlander Folk School got a "bad break." wealth it did not get a direct Government subsidy. It was not overlooked. An application was made for \$ ment funds, but somebody slipped up.

Instead of going to Aubrey Williams' office the : the White House, presumably because Mrs. Roosevelt It was then referred to the Relief Administrator fo was probably expected to OK it as a formality.

This particular Government official, however, conscientious executive and a good American, and, af hand investigation wrote the President a personal re that the request for Government funds was "the heig and that the school actually trained young people fo against American society and institutions.

The report cited the names of supporters, toge from teachings at the school. Instances were given c members for training in picketing and violence. Ment that certain unions sent organizers to take a course technique.

To make a long story, short, Highlander didn't least, not out of this particular public till.

But Mrs. Roosevelt, a contributor since 1932, port. Her latest contribution was a donation toward of a scholarship fund for which she sent a check for : Dombrowsky on April 23rd, 1940. (A reproductio White House stationery is printed on the opposite simile of her check appears on the inside front cover

In an indirect way the National Youth Admini also gave Highlander a little help. NYA funds were mature students to take care of children in Highlande while WPA funds met the expense of providing food.

Then, too, William Buttrick, who conducts c nism, was placed on the Government payroll in an N is a graduate of New York's Communist training s Labor College, and was a former instructor at Comr

tioned about his beliefs and Highlander's educational endeavors he said defensively: "A man has a right to be a Communist, if he wants to."

Highlander, according to its original prospectus, was organized "to use education specifically as one instrument to build a new social order." Its carefully stated purpose is "to educate farmers and industrial workers for the cooperative commonwealth." A Communist society can well be described as a cooperative commonwealth.

This technically proper phraseology isn't fooling anybody, except, perhaps, Mrs. Roosevelt. Everyone who comes in contact with the school recognizes it for what it is . . . a training center for Communist agitators . . . a fountain head of propaganda for revolution.

The American Legion has been fighting Highlander as a subversive enterprise since 1935. Gerald Foley, President of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, has publicly branded it as "Communistic," while The Nashville Tennessean, one of the South's leading newspapers on October 15th, 1939, after a thorough investigation, declared:

"It is a center, if not the center for the spreading of Communist doctrine in 13 Southeastern States."

"I am greatly interested in what you are doing for it is a much needed work," said Mrs. Roosevelt when she met with the students and staff members of Highlander at a supper they tendered her at Chattanooga's Ross Hotel, last April. She was accompanied by Dr. Frank Graham, once a board member of Soviet Russia's State University of Moscow summer school for training American students in Communism. Also in the party were Gardner Jackson, former government official lately involved in a plot to smear the Dies Committee and previously exposed as having been a regular contributor to a Communist organization; and Kathryn Lewis, daughter of John L. Lewis, who recently sided openly with the Communist faction in the New York CIO convention.

Myles Horton, a University of Chicago graduate and one of the founders, hails Highlander as affording "an opportunity to direct the American revolutionary tradition towards a cooperative [Communist] society operated by and for the workers." Horton is the present Director of the school, although he spends part of his time as a CIO organizer.

Other incorporators were Elizabeth Hawes, one of the busiest agitators for the CIO's Textile Workers' Organizing Committee; Malcolm Chisholm, a WPA illustrator of children's books who was one of 543 WPA teachers who volunteered to fight for Communism in the late Spanish War; and James Dombrowsky, one of the original "South-savers" arrested in Elizabethton, Tennessee, during the Communist led strike in 1929.

Dombrowsky is an ordained minister who graduated from Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1931. In the following year on returning from Russia he had a little trouble with the United States Customs over some Soviet posters he was bringing into the country. The Government said they were "seditious."

When Highlander was established in 1932 there were three other figures, behind the scenes, who played a most important part in its founding. They were the Rev. Charles Webber and the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, both of Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. George S. Counts of Columbia University, all connected with the National Religion and Labor Foundation. All three of them, likewise, are outstanding leaders in the Communist-Socialist Revolutionary movement.

In telling about its regular staff of instructors, who invariably do double duty as CIO organizers, Highlander boasts, in an advertisement, "they will be assisted by labor and government officials who will lecture and lead discussions." On its imposing list of visiting lecturers are Allan Haywood, Director, CIO; Joseph Gelders, Dr. H. C. Nixon and Howard Lee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Robert Hall, Communist organizer for the South with headquarters at Birmingham; Frank Coffee, of the Social Security Board; Nick Zonarich, president, Aluminum Workers of America; Dr. J. H. Daves, of the Tennessee Valley Authority; Mike Smith, Organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Stewart Meacham of the National Labor Relations Board; Joe Dobbs, Director, Textile Workers Organizing Committee; Yelverton Cowherd, Southern CIO Director, J. H. Butler, President, Southern Tenant Farmers Union; Lucy Randolph Mason, Southern Publicity Director, CIO; Esther Gelders, of the National Youth Administration, and Agnes Sailer, of 1929 Communist strike fame in North Carolina.

Yelverton Cowherd, Joe Gelders and Joe Dobbs, in addition to conducting lecture classes, have written for textbooks used at the school.

At the Knoxville convention of the CIO, held May 25, 1940, a most significant resolution was passed. It reads in part:

"Whereas the aim of the Highlander Folk School is to aid in the fight for complete political and economic democracy in the South, and

"Whereas the school conducts a year round educational, recreational and organizational program made up of six weeks residence terms, institutes and conferences, and field work with unions, and

"Whereas teachers and a number of former students are organizers and officials of CIO unions . . .

"Therefore he it resolved that this organization endorse the aims and program of the Highland Folk School."

A majority of the students in the spring term this year had their expenses paid by CIO unions. Among the sponsors were the International Ladies Garment Workers, the Textile Workers Union, American Newspaper Guild, United Automobile Workers, American Communications Ass'n, United Mine Workers, Office and Professional Workers Union, Textile Workers Organizing Committee, Transport Workers Union, Laundry Workers, Maritime Union and the Workers Alliance.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers has not only financed the greatest number of students but just recently its entire staff of Southern organizers met at the school for a sort of post-graduate course.

Of the above unions the Amalgamated and the Garment Workers were branded as subversive by the Lusk Committee of the New York State Legislature, while the Dies Committee listed 5 of them as Communist "front" organizations or "transmission belts" for Communism.

Members of the Highlander staff are forever on the go. They can be found in every part of the South, usually wherever there is trouble. The whole staff and student body has even traveled hundreds of miles to participate in a strike, to march on the picket line, to give direction and encouragement; all for a two-fold purpose, to gain experience and to win new recruits for the Communist "cause."

This past summer Director Horton led the discussions at conferences of YWCA leaders at Camp Merrie Woods in North Carolina. This month, October, a "Workers Education Conference" for Industrial "Y" Secretaries was to be held at Highlander.

To supplement their regular courses of instruction, special weekend sessions are held every now and then for 50 students at a time. Classes are also conducted by visiting instructors in CIO halls and churches in many Southern cities.

Interest is aroused in Highlander and its work by the showing of a propaganda film produced at the school by Frontier Films, a Communist movie outfit. The film is supposed to be, according to a publicity blurb, "a dramatic and inspiring document of the Tennessee mountain and valley people. It shows their struggle with the worn-out bad lands, and the growth of unionization despite tremendous obstacles. It has special reference to the miners, textile workers, and unemployed." However, Myles Horton has admitted that much of it was faked and that it is just propaganda.

Highlander also uses the drama to get its Red message across to the people it is trying to reach. Plays, edited by Zilphia Horton, and sent throughout the South, treat with the rights of labor from the Communist viewpoint, oppression by capitalism in the best Marxian tradition, and in the main advocate strikes and the overthrow of the capitalist (American) system.



Dr. Frank Graham, Myles Horton and Mrs. Roosevelt

The two plays which are being most widely used at the moment are "South of the Ballot," which "deals with the poll tax situation," and "Gumbo," which depicts "racial and anti-union discrimination."

Mrs. Horton, wife of the Director, is a graduate of the Communists' New Theatre School in New York. She travels constantly, coaching and producing, with a little agitatin' in between. She is on CIO's Textile Workers Organizing Committee payroll as an organizer.

From July 15th to 28th, last, a "Writers Workshop" for student writers was conducted at Highlander jointly with the Communists' League of American Writers. One of the instructors was James Dugan, an editor of the Communist "New Masses" and a writer on the staff of the magazine "Friday," a currently popular Red "rag" which follows the Communist party line, and which was financed with some \$2,000,000 by its editor, a wealthy New Yorker with Communist sympathies who also subsidized the Southern News Almanac to the tune of \$25,000 to save it last Winter. Simon & Schuster, New York publishers of many Leftist tomes, supplied one scholarship.

A "Highlander Work Camp" was established on the school property in August for young workers, farmers and students between the ages of 18 and 24 "to help young people understand the world of today." Co-sponsor is an outfit called "Work Camps for America," whose Secretary, Dr. Richard Gothe, is directing the camp. Highlander's instructor in Communism is educational director. Mrs. Roosevelt and Dr. Frank Graham are "advisors." Dr. Gothe is being paid by the American Youth Commission. "Work Camps for America" has offices at 2 West 64th St., New York City.

For boys and girls under 18 years of age Highlander has a "Junior Union Camp" where the youngsters are taught to "make (strike) posters, put on skits (ridiculing the American system), and living newspaper plays (originated by the Communists), and learn and sing union (see "page 16") songs."

The entire program at Highlander has been such a success so far and the agitative and organizing prospects in the immediate future look so promising that plans are being made to build a \$20,000 addition to the school.

Grundy County, Tennessee, in which Highlander is located, is being used as a "proving ground" in which to test the effectiveness of the radical techniques taught at the school. Highlander faculty members went so far as to organize units of the Communist-controlled Workers' Alliance among WPA workers in their own and two adjoining counties. They then called a sit-down strike against the Government, just to show their students how it is done. They also organized the farmers and workers and elected their own slate of candidates, including the Sheriff. Their political power enabled them to take over a public school for use as a Highlander annex in which a Red nursery school was housed.

An investigator for the Nashville Tennessean reported, last year, that "the results of Highlander School work is shown clearly today. Practically anyone of any age in the County can discuss the troubles of capitalism and the advantages of some new philosophy such as Communism."

"What chance have any of us," the investigator was told in substance by every WPA worker, miner or hod carrier he talked to. "We are going to have to reorganize. We are going to have the workers run things," they declared. "We are educating our children along the lines advocated by the Highlander group. We are going to see that they know about Communism, Socialism and other things," they told him, he said.

In announcing the nursery school for children in January, 1939, the school's newspaper "Highlander Fling" explained it was established "in the hope that the effort adults put into their unions and other undertakings may become a habit in the very beginning in the play of the children."

These children are taught not only to play games that inculcate un-American ideas but they learn to sing anti-American songs, as well. As an example, on page 23 of the song book, prepared by students of Highlander, is an old tune with new words. Written by Don West, one of the founders of the school, it follows:

"My country tis of thee,
Land of mass misery,
Of this I sing,
Land where the workers toil,
And bosses reap their spoil,
Where children starve and freeze,
From fall till spring."

Myles Horton believes in using songs as a means to an end. "Ideas of revolt," he says, "run through many of the songs . . . many strike songs are as class-conscious as the writings of Karl Marx, and much simpler."

Although page 16 is the most thumbed page in the song book it is not listed in the index. Every other page number is there. Just 16 is missing. But there's a song on page 16 just the same. It is the "Internationale", the Communist theme song.

What a way to hide their Communism! They're so clever, these "Russians."

Naturally, there are some good Americans in Tennessee who resent this kind of un-Americanism to the point where they want to do something drastic about it. Many threats have been made, and the school has been warned to move elsewhere, but so far nothing has happened, and there's a reason.

One good patriot, G. C. Partin, a former school teacher at Monteagle, the nearest town, when questioned about the school became highly indignant as he told his story.

"It's Red all right," he said. Then he added: "Some of us here in Monteagle wrote the Federal Government protesting the school, and they wrote back—that is, the U. S. Department of Education—saying that the Highlander Folk School was Christian Socialist, and for us to leave it alone."

Up at the school there are sneers and jeers for those "unenlightened" loyal Americans who protest.

In a most unique way, both faculty and students show their contempt. They intend to stay! They will not move! The song books are passed about. A lusty refrain is heard. They are singing a song which appears on page 24:

"We shall not be, we shall not be moved.
"We shall not be, we shall not be moved.
"The government is behind us,
"We shall not be moved.
"The government is behind us,
"We shall not be moved."

EXHIBIT "C"

With grim determination the Communist campaign has been growing underground and in secret while, at the same time, each succeeding surface activity has been bolder and more defiant of tradition and custom and even contemptuous of established law.

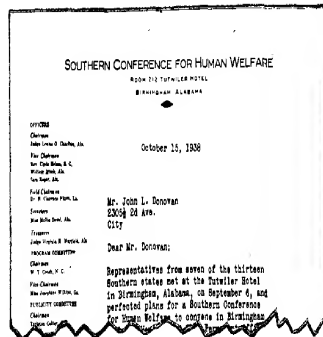
It is not usual that Communist power is openly demonstrated. Most of the time, Communist identity is submerged behind some movement or organization which finds ready public acceptance. That was the situation when the Communists promoted the "Southern Conference for Human Welfare" two years ago.

Three Communists were primarily responsible for the whole set-up. Another non-card-carrying Communist who claims to be a "Democrat" did a lot of work. Two Government officials with their eyes wide open gave invaluable assistance. A sixth person provided enthusiasm and action and served as the principal "front."

Paul Crouch, Walter M. Trumbull and John Donovan were the Communist conspirators and their hard working Communist-label-shy "Comrade" was Joe Gelders. All of these fellows operated behind the scenes.

Aubrey Williams, protégé of Mrs. Roosevelt and head of the National Youth Administration, gave Communist Donovan a nice friendly letter of introduction when he came to Birmingham, where the "Conference" was promoted. Dated September 29th, 1938, it said in part: "I regard him very highly and have found that he usually knows what he is talking about." Williams also made the facilities of his Government agency available to help put the conference over.

Mrs. Louise O. Charlton, United States Commissioner at Birmingham, was used as "window dressing." She served as Chairman while the "Conference" was being organized, but knew so little about what was going on that she sent a formal invitation to "Comrade" Donovan "to do active work." She knew, however, that Donovan was the National Representative of the Communist-controlled Workers Alliance, and it was in this capacity that he spoke at the "Conference." She was of course in complete sympathy with everything that went on.



Miss Molly Dowd, national board member of the Women's Trade Union League, an organization very near and dear to Mrs. Roosevelt's heart, served as Secretary of the "Conference" and handled the details.

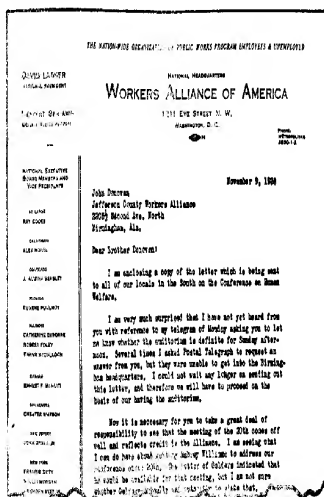
It should be recalled that the Women's Trade Union League, according to a document seized by Government agents in 1922, was considered as part of the open and legal machinery of the then illegal Communist Party of America.

Trumbull and Crouch also will be remembered as the two men who organized the first Communist unit in the United States Army when they were stationed at Hawaii. After serving prison terms for their treasonable activities, they were highly honored by the Communists. Today they are both men of importance in the Party. Their headquarters are at Birmingham where Crouch edits *The New South*, official Communist organ. George Pershing, the Gastonia agitator of 1923, is associate editor and feature writer.

Robert Minor, one of the three leading Communists in America, refers to Trumbull as the future "Commandant of the American Soviet Republic Army and Navy," while Crouch has been rewarded by Moscow with the title of "Professor of Military Sciences and Tactics for the Communist Party of the World, U. S. Branch."

These are only a few of the details of the records of the promoters of this "Southern Conference for Human Welfare." And, they were capable promoters. So cleverly was the conference organized that, but for a few alert citizens who resented some of the things that happened, the Communists might have put over a first class piece of propaganda.

Of course these local luminaries were not altogether on their own. They received their orders from New York and Washington, if not from Moscow. For example in the letter from David Lasser, head of the Workers Alliance, to Donovan, which is partially reproduced below, Lasser gave detailed instructions as to just what was to be done. He also explained what he was doing to assure the success of what he called "our conference."



A copy of a mimeographed letter which was being sent to all Alliance locals in the South was enclosed. In this document Lasser said "it is very important that the Workers Alliance be well represented." He instructed his locals "to send car-loads or truck-loads of people" to the "Conference," which probably accounted for the well attended meetings.

Lasser advised Donovan that he would personally see about having Aubrey Williams attend despite the fact that "Gelders indicated that he would be available." Lasser also suggested the number and type of speakers to be secured. He wanted speakers "representing responsible organizations." He also advised a caucus of his own people after the opening session "to decide about further plans for the policy at the conference."

"Remember," Lasser concluded, "it is extremely important that this should come off successfully,"

Lasser's letter definitely disclosed the fact that Aubrey Williams was working hand-in-glove with the Communist promoters, and that he did his part was proven by the attendance of a large number of Government officials and employees who came to the conference on federal pay and federal expense accounts.

At the conference were charts, displays and photo lay-outs, prepared at the expense of WPA, all of which pictured the South as an area which must be made over—completely reconstructed. This was one point of irritation to loyal Southerners.

A major controversy arose, however, over the attempt of Negro and white delegates to ignore the local segregation law. When the police insisted that the law be obeyed Mrs. Roosevelt, who was in attendance, politely demanded that enforcement of the law be held in abeyance while the "Conference" was in session. Her request was ignored and the "Conference" was moved to the First Methodist Church on assurance that the Jim Crow ordinance did not apply to churches.

Mrs. Charlton denounced race segregation and told the delegates "in obeying the law we do so with regret."

Aside from the celebrities, numbered among the speakers were John B. Davis, head of the Communists' National Negro Congress, Howard Kester, of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, who demanded that the land be restored to the people, Miss Elizabeth Christman, Secretary-Treasurer of the Women's Trade Union League, Mary McLeod Bethune, Negro assistant to Aubrey Williams, and Claude Williams, former executive of the Religion and Labor Foundation and President of Commonwealth College, who said: "This conference will be of historic significance. It will make this country realize that economic and political barriers between whites and Negroes must be broken."

When George N. Reynolds, of Chicago, a Rosenwald Fund executive, advocated a reduction in the number of farmers as a solution to the farm tenancy problem and to this end advocated teaching birth control in rural areas, and after Aubrey Williams averred that he wasn't so sure that the class war wasn't all right, the fat was in the fire for fair.

By the time the "Conference" got around to passing resolutions denouncing the Birmingham segregation (Jim Crow) law and resolving to hold no further meetings in cities where such laws are in effect, demanding abolition of poll tax laws, denouncing the Dies Committee, and demanding the release of the five Scottsboro boys, Birmingham was up in arms.

In high indignation the Alabama Council of Women's Democratic Clubs called a mass meeting and passed a resolution which said in part:

"We express our contempt for the left-wing agitators who are responsible for the actions taken and record the fact that this was not a conference of Southern people representing the South, but of interlopers with ideas, purposes and designs inimical to Southern traditions and entirely foreign to the South's peace, happiness, well-being and progress . . ."

Further, the resolution set out that:

" . . . the anonymous sponsors of the conference, hiding behind certain citizens of the South, including a number of Federal officeholders of this region, deceived our people as to the real origin of the conference and as to its real purpose, it now being clearly apparent from the conference proceedings that it was conceived and directed by scheming left-wing politicians connected with the National Administration, and professional radical agitators, some of whom have hitherto demonstrated their Communistic tendencies, and that its main objective was to provide a springboard for subtle left-wing propaganda, and for a sinister attack upon Southern ideals and traditions."

A few days later the Birmingham City Commission met to pass a resolution which contained the phrase:

"It is sufficiently apparent from developments that the real object of the conference was a left-wing movement, financed in whole or in part by Communists and extensively aided by WPA and other federal employees . . ."

Formally the Commission asked the question: "What part did Aubrey Williams, head of the NYA, have in organizing this conference, formulating the program, and developing the personnel attending?"

The Commissioners also wanted to know if the International Labor Defense was a Communist organization. It is! They wanted to know, too, if this same I. L. D. had solicited the Negroes of Birmingham for contributions to pay expenses of the delegates. It had!

Not only that, the Negroes who contributed were told that the "Conference," with the backing of the Federal Administration, would take a stand for "full rights for Negroes in the South, including voting privileges." Another promise was that something would be done for the Scottsboro boys.

A good bit of money was also raised by Joe Gelders in the north and the east, and it is interesting to speculate how successful he was in Washington, where he was an overnight guest at the White House.

Mrs. Roosevelt's friend, Dr. Frank Graham, Moscow University board member, was elected Chairman of the Conference at the final

session, while Gelders became Secretary of a Civil Rights Committee and Director of the anti-poll tax drive.

Joe's activities in this latter connection, back in June, caused the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News to editorialize as follows:

"The public has been asked by certain officials to assist in ferreting out 'Fifth Column' activities in America. The Tuscaloosa News is glad to contribute its part.

"As our first contribution, we suggest to the authorities that they go to the very seat of the American government—to Washington.

"This week we received a letter from a woman who signed her name as secretary to Joe Gelders. Joe Gelders is the foremost Communist in Alabama today.

"Joe Gelders and his activities are doing as much to undermine this country as any average Nazi agent in America. And yet where do you suppose his secretary's letter came from? It came from the House Office Building in Washington!

"We pass on this tip, free of charge. We think that the government authorities should thank us for informing them that an avowed radical, holding no government office that we know of, has been able to set himself up in the House Office Building in Washington.

"What most of all we now desire to know is whether the government pays his secretary's salary."

Just last month Gelders, Malcolm Cotton Dobbs, and Gerald Harris, a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, were arrested at Birmingham on "suspicion of vagrancy" charges. (Harris and Dobbs are executives of the Communist dominated American Youth Congress.) Telegrams of protest were immediately dispatched to Secretary Henry Wallace and Attorney General Jackson by friends of the jailed trio.

On August 21st the New York Post published the following dispatch: "The Department of Justice today revealed that it was investigating reports that three prominent Southern liberals, two of them friends of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt had been arrested . . . Dobbs and Gelders have worked closely with Mrs. Roosevelt in Southern welfare activities . . . At least one federal official close to the White House protested to Birmingham authorities."

Gelders has a "good thing" in Mrs. Roosevelt's friendship. His wife Esther Gelders is a high-salaried official of the National Youth Administration. Despite the fact that Government employees are supposedly barred from participation, they have a nice home in the Cahaba Resettlement project, where Joe makes practical use of his influence by getting as much as three months behind in his rent. His

daughter is going to college on an NYA scholarship—at the taxpayers' expense—and at exclusive Radcliffe if you please.

In the intervening period the Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been most active in sponsoring regional conferences and in setting up a committee or state council in every Southern state. In the Tennessee committee the moving spirit is Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School, who, by the way, was one of the signers of the original call for the "Conference."

A permanent Youth Council was set up, too, under the leadership of Howard Lee of Atlanta, a Deputy Administrator, National Youth Administration, delegate from the Communist controlled American Students Union, American Youth Congress executive and now a lecturer at Highlander. Appointed to assist him were Edward Strong of the Communists' Negro Youth Congress, and Mary Jeane McKay of the American Youth Congress.

This year the Southern Conference elected a new Chairman. He is the Rev. John B. Thompson, former instructor at Highlander.

Early in September Mr. Thompson was again honored by being elected Chairman of the American Peace Mobilization, the Communist "front" which is taking the place of the notorious League for Peace and Democracy. The Vice Chairmen elected to serve with him were Paul Robeson, "American" Negro baritone who became a Soviet citizen, Reid Robinson, Vice Chairman of the CIO, Jack McMichael, Chairman of the American Youth Congress, and Vito Marcantonio, President of the Communists' International Labor Defense.

In his new capacity Rev. Thompson is committed to follow the Communist Party "line" by obstructing the national defense program in every possible way. That's what a Fifth Column is supposed to do—sabotage defense—undermine and weaken the government from within.

For two years the Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been building its forces and extending its influence—now, the Communists, through their stooge the Rev. Mr. Thompson, will use the organization and the prestige given it by dupes on the government payroll and others of prominence, to their own ends.

Here is the Fifth Column in the South, *in action*.

EXHIBIT "D"

Early in June, 1940, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt attended a little luncheon in the Rainbow Room, atop New York's famous Rockefeller Center. It was held under the auspices of the Open Door, a propaganda travel bureau affiliated with Intourist, the official Soviet agency, which was raided not so long ago by Mr. Hoover's G-Men.

Here, in the most expensive dining room in New York, as they nibbled dainty two dollar lunches, an assorted group of Leftist teachers and social workers made their plans to discover just how "poor" the South really is.

As a result of this confab, a representative county in the South provided five intensive weeks of study for a group from Teachers' College, Columbia University, which is, without question, the reddist academic plague spot in the whole United States.

Next the School of Education, New York University, which is second on any list of red-tinged educational institutions, joined the program. They would "save the South," too. They would conduct a seminar—that's a fancy word which means that the experts are going to take a look and decide what's wrong, and what's to be done about it. Their investigation was made in the Tennessee Valley. Then, it was arranged that another group of students from Antioch College, which also has a fine, red reputation, would go down South also. For three weeks they did their prying into the private life of a typical Alabama textile town.

After having helped to develop such a comprehensive program, Mrs. Roosevelt must have had a deep feeling of satisfaction over the service rendered her friends in the South.

Of course, while these groups conducted their "investigations," they felt in duty bound to explain to all and sundry what is wrong with the American system and why a "new social order" is necessary and inevitable. For these are the kind of people who are determined that America must be made over, and it appears that they want to begin with the South.

Actually New York is just full of "South savers." It would be an impossible task to list them all. Some idea can be had, however,

as to just what the situation is by looking over the organizations located in just one office building, which are engaged in Southern propaganda or organization activity. At 112 East 19th Street are the offices of the Scottsboro Defense Committee, Emergency Committee for Strikers Relief, Writers' Anti-War Bureau, Workers' Defense League, Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa, Joint Committee to aid the Herndon Defense, Kentucky Miners Defense Committee, Campaign for Youth's Needs, League for Industrial Democracy, and "National Sharecroppers Week."

Each year New York's leading radicals put on a money raising drive during "National Sharecroppers Week." "Your contribution is an investment in building a free, awakened South!" is the slogan used. Its sponsors are men like Howard Kester, instructor at Highlander Folk School, and on the National Committee of the Religion and Labor Foundation; Roger Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union, who says "Communism is the goal;" and Robert Morss Lovett, President Roosevelt's Secretary of the Virgin Islands, who has done more for the cause of Communism in America than any average dozen of Joe Stalin's best agitators.

"Have you seen their faces?" starts off a begging letter. "Have you heard their story of poverty, peonage and terror from their own lips?" In conclusion gullible New Yorkers are assured that "you are helping to alleviate the plight of America's Disinherited and are striking a blow at the rule of lynch rope and violence which prevails in so many parts of the South."

Other saviours proceed in another way. During July and August a group of youngsters calling themselves "The Caravan Puppeteers" have been touring the state of Alabama giving shows in the rural areas. This enterprise was financed by the notorious American Youth Congress, and is conducted in cooperation with the Communists' Southern Negro Congress.

The announced purpose was to point out the reasons Negro youth should oppose the present mobilization toward war. Their repertoire includes skits on the problems of Negro farmers and the supposed direct effect of the war on their living conditions. Another skit relates "the manner in which the poll tax disfranchises some four million Negroes and six million whites and tells of the **Right to Vote** campaign" being conducted by the Southern Negro Congress.

In reporting to Communist headquarters the Puppeteers declared: "The rural areas visited provided no amusement facilities at all for Negroes . . . These people have no schools above the sixth grade . . . Another of the gravest ills is that people have never had the right to vote and the children are growing up not knowing of such right . . .

These communities have no libraries at all." This later statement was followed up with a plea that books and other reading matter be made available through the Southern Negro Youth Congress.

Apparently this initial effort was successful to the point where the use of the drama as a propaganda medium in the South warranted attention in a big way. The net result was that the Communists' New Theatre League, which is the American section of the International Revolutionary Theatres, got its collective head together and decided to do something about it.

Accordingly on October 21, 1940 a Southern New Theatre School will open at Mena, Arkansas, on the grounds of Commonwealth College. Ruth Deacon, for the past five years organizer of the Philadelphia New Theatre is the Executive Secretary in charge. Maurice Clark of New York will be the Director. Clark was an executive of the Federal Theatre Project, which was abolished by Congress because of its Communist propaganda activities.

Plans are also being considered for opening a winter headquarters of the school in New Orleans.

Among the sponsors are leading Communist poets and playwrights William Kozlenko, Alfred Kreymborg, Clifford Odets, the Negro Langston Hughes, Albert Bein, Samuel Ornitz, Mordecai Gorelik, Marc Blitzstein; CIO organizers Donald Henderson and William Senter; Negro preacher Owen Whitfield and the Rev. John Thompson of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Miss Deacon explained it was decided to organize this propaganda drama training institute "when one of the farmers, after seeing an American Youth Congress puppet show, set about making a puppet for himself with which he could entertain his neighbors, and express their ideas about the poll tax, the war-mongering, the terrorism of fifth columnists."

"We have become aware of the need and desire of the people of the south," said this Red Philadelphian. "Here, in the south, theatre means far more than entertainment. It is a method of expression, of **organization**. It is a teacher and an **organizer**."

Present plans call for plays to be presented at the school theatre, then toured through the southern states. The students are to plan and manage these tours, and organize the audiences for them under the supervision of seasoned and experienced Communist propagandists.

"If the school is to help the people of the south," Comrade Deacon declared, "the majority of its students must come from the south. The people of the south want and need a school such as ours."

But, whether they want it or not—they are going to get it!
The poor South!

EXHIBIT "E"

John L. Lewis, current hero of the Communists, and Sidney Hillman, Moscow's little white-haired boy for these many years, have declared a new total war on Southern industry to supplement the Communist Party's Fifth Column assault of long standing.

From the United Mine Workers headquarters in Pittsburgh and from the Steel Workers Organizing Committee offices in Chicago, the orders have gone forth that picked CIO organizers are to descend upon Southern communities where there are unorganized workers. These organizers will bring the "blessings" of collective bargaining and the "check-off"—that painless method of milking dues from pay envelopes—onto Southern workers.

The Textile Workers Organizing Committee, headed by Hillman, has also started a drive the like of which this country has never before experienced. Although two previous campaigns bogged down and fizzled out this time the Red Labor Czars intend to carry through, cost what it may. The money they are spending isn't their money anyway, and there's more where that came from—and besides, this time the Communist Fifth Column in the South is better organized and is giving much more effective cooperation.

In the latter part of May, 1940, Sidney Hillman's very own Amalgamated Clothing Workers—he's the president—gave positive proof of their serious intentions when they voted \$1,000,000 to organize 100,000 workers in the Southern shirt and cotton garment trades. Just imagine a million dollars of workers' dues being spent at \$10 a head for new members. It was also announced that the union was ready to spend several million dollars, if necessary, to achieve their organization's objectives.

And, they've got it. Over \$5,000,000 in the bank.

Aside from the financial picture, Sidney Hillman is in a perfect position to bring official pressure to bear, if that should prove necessary. It is only a few months ago that Sidney was appointed by President Roosevelt as a member of the National Defense Council. His principal job is to work with Secretary Perkins of the Department of Labor.

Madam Perkins may be expected to accept any of Sidney's suggestions with respect to "helping" the South. She is an old pioneer at feeling sorry for the South. Remember, just a few years ago, how she lamented over her own idiotic idea that Southerners couldn't afford to buy shoes? "A social revolution can take place if you put shoes on the people of the South," she said. The mere fact that she has since discovered her error has not dampened her ardor for "a social revolution", of some kind. Her open sympathy for the CIO at the height of the sit-down strikes and her brazen coddling of Communist Harry Bridges are positive indications that she'll give all possible help to Lewis and Hillman and Browder in anything they may decide to do to impose themselves on the Southern people.

That the Communists and the CIO will work together in the coming months is a foregone conclusion. They have worked together. They are working together. They will continue to work together—principally because their programs are parallel and their goal is identical. They both crave power. The Communists want political power; the CIO, industrial power.

More than that, Lewis has been going farther to the Left with each passing day.

Here are the Communists' immediate objectives:

1. More members—A Southern Organizing Campaign.
2. Unity of Negro and White Workers.
3. Abolish Southern Poll Tax.

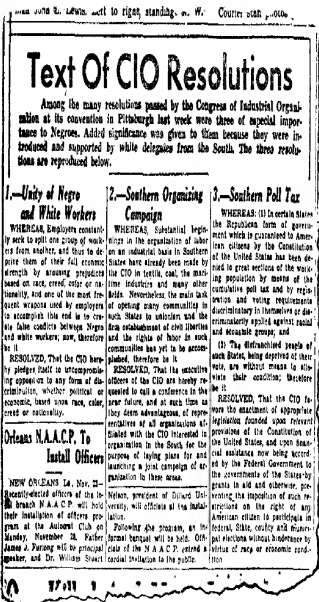
That is the program of Highlander Folk School

That is the program of the Conference for Human Welfare

That is the program of Commonwealth College

That is the program of the National Negro Congress

That is the program of the CIO.



Facsimile of publicity in the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro newspaper, during CIO Convention.

Let no one be deceived into believing that any organizing drive under Hillman's direction will be purely and simply an attempt to unionize workers. Just look at past history. Since he came to this country from Russia in 1907, he has been doing his best to bring a "workers' government," through the promotion of the class war. Back in 1914, he became so outspoken in his revolutionary agitation that he was expelled from the American Federation of Labor.

In 1921, Hillman sent William Z. Foster, now Chairman of the Communist Party, to Moscow to represent his union at the Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions.

Foster returned from Russia well supplied with "Moscow gold," and proceeded, with Hillman's assistance, to set up the Trade Union Educational League which later became the Trade Union Unity League embracing some 50 Red national unions. In 1935, on instructions from the Profintern in Moscow, this organization was dumped into the A. F. of L. to form the nucleus for the creation of the CIO.

Hillman's assistance to Foster was rewarded with a cablegram from Rykoff in which he, on behalf of Lenin, expressed the satisfaction of the Soviet government for Hillman's cooperation.

Hillman was a Director of the Garland Fund which contributed some two million dollars to Communist, Socialist, Anarchist and I.W.W. organizations and enterprises. He was a member of the I.W.W. Defense Committee. His Amalgamated Clothing Workers contributed funds to Communist Russia, to Red Spain, and to the Communist Party of America.

The preamble to the constitution of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers is a revolutionary document which says "Class consciousness will put the organized working class in actual control of the system of production and the working class will then be ready to take possession of it."

Just now Hillman has four jobs. He is a member of the President's National Defense Council. He is a Vice Chairman of the CIO. He is President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. And he is in charge of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee's invasion of the South.

It is certain, with a million dollars being spent in the Southern drive, that Sidney will give considerable of his attention to this campaign. The Communists think it is quite important. In their official organ they say:

"The present drive of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO promises to be the greatest progressive movement in the South since Reconstruction . . .

"Taking into consideration the relationship between the Southern proletariat and the predominantly agrarian economy of the South, it is important that the message of the T.W.O.C. be conveyed through the radio and other means to the Southern people as a whole and to the rural poor in particular.

"Also the unions should begin to advance demands, legislative and otherwise, in the interest of the farmers. Only thus can we begin to move the Southern countryside along with the proletariat."

Who do you think is WE?

EXHIBIT "F"

"It must be pointed out to the white masses of the South that Reconstruction, when the Negro freedmen and poor white masses of the South stepped forward to take their place in the government, was the most democratic period the South has ever seen. That period witnessed a popular mass storm that swept through the foul atmosphere of the South and for a few brief years cleared the air.

"This, the true interpretation of Reconstruction, and 'Carpet-Bag rule,' as the essential carrier of democratic development in the South, must be salvaged from the garbage heap of filth and slime to which it has been relegated by reactionary historians. It must be brought home to the Southern masses."

The quotations above, taken from directives in an official Communist document outlining the Red campaign to establish a People's Front in the South, are typical of the general tenor of the whole Communist strategy. In bringing the argument up-to-date the instructions continue:

"In the exposure of the Southern reactionaries, Communists, especially our white Southern comrades, must point out how these people 'protect' Southern white womanhood by enslaving them in the textile mills and sweatshops of the South: how they 'defend' the interests of the Southern masses by foisting upon the workers wage differentials. . .

"The Southern white Communists must show how these agents of the Southern Bourbons, in order to perpetuate the division between Negro and white, preach 'Anglo-Saxon racial purity,' while clandestinely violating Negro womanhood, procreating a whole population of illegitimate and disinherited mulatto children. . .

"They must constantly point out to the Southern white masses that their poverty, backwardness, and degradation are but by-products of the national oppression of the Negro people, that without the solution of this fundamental problem the real liberation of the white masses of the South cannot be achieved."

The Communists, of course, have already decided what to do about the Negro question. They would establish a Soviet Negro Re-

public in the 'Black belt.' An official Communist declaration on the subject reads:

"There are 12,000,000 Negroes in the United States. About 9½ million live in the SOUTH. There is a stretch of land running from the eastern shore of Maryland down into Texas through 12 states and embracing about 397 counties in which the Negroes form the majority of the population. This is the homeland of the Negroes.

"The governments and armed forces of the white ruling class **MUST BE REMOVED** from this Black Belt, which by right belongs to the Negroes, and must be organized as a distinct political unit. *The Negro majority must have full governmental control. It is where today they have begun to battle. The land should be divided among Negro farmers, croppers and tenants.*

"Full economic, political and social equality should be guaranteed for NEGROES in every section of the country. We, therefore, say to the Negro people: **VIOLATE the Jim Crow rules. The Communist Party is the only party in America that has actually introduced NEGRO EQUALITY. Freedom must be fought for—and this fight cannot wait. It is literally a life and death struggle—THIS MEANS CIVIL WAR.**"

In the last week of April, 1940, the Communist-controlled National Negro Congress, after hearing John L. Lewis pledge his aid, elected Dr. Max Yergan, a teacher at the New York Communist school, as president, and launched an immediate campaign to increase its strength in the South.

The Congress also decided to affiliate with Labor's Non-Partisan League, the political wing of the CIO, and passed a resolution declaring the Negro people would not fight against Russia in a war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

As soon as the convention was over the only Negro member of Congress, Representative Arthur W. Mitchell of Illinois, made a speech on the floor of the house in which he said:

"Subversive influences are at work among the Negroes. Communists are trying to disrupt the good feelings between the two races in this country. Designing white men are trying to use the Negro as a tool against the government."

Mr. Mitchell denounced such efforts, along with the resolution of the National Negro Congress which said Negroes would not fight against Russia. He concluded:

"I wish to go on record as thoroughly disapproving the appeal made to the Negro at this National Negro Congress by the labor leader, John L. Lewis. It is my opinion that John L. Lewis is the most dangerous, outstanding leader in America today, and it is his desire to change our form of government and to establish a dictatorship in America."

An official Red organ, "The Communist," a few years ago said: "Our Party has been close to the Negro people of the South, and has advanced demands dear to the hearts of the Negro people. We must now begin to advance a program which will bring us as close to the masses of Southern whites . . .

"Are we to scoff at Southern pride? Under no conditions. We must rally that pride for the building up of the South. The present poverty, ignorance and exploitation of the South violently contradict this pride. We must stand for a prosperous and progressive South which will take its place in social well-being, educational opportunity, etc., on a plane of equality with the rest of the nation . . .

"These are demands near to the hearts of the Southern people."

In line with this stated policy Communist leaders and organizers have been making all kinds of impressive and fantastic promises to win recruits. And they have been making headway, not because their arguments were sound, but partially on account of their close association with the CIO unions, and mainly because they received practically no opposition.

One Communist pamphlet which has been having a rather remarkable circulation makes grandiose promises through forty-five pages, and finally on page forty-six says:

"We have only indicated some of the possibilities. Still greater ones would unfold in a Soviet America. This much is important and certain: with the overthrow of the landlord-capitalist power and the establishment of the Soviet Negro Republic, the most backward section of the United States would develop into an advanced, wealthy area."

Yes, they mean the South. And, they're still promising:

"New, modern school buildings will arise by the thousands . . . Technical schools and universities will become a southern product. We think it entirely safe to predict that the public school system in all its branches will develop at a rate in the South exceeding any previous records in the history of American capitalism . . .

"President Roosevelt's present estate in Georgia and the other resorts of the millionaires can be turned into sanatoria, hospitals, clubs, etc. Palm Beach can become the haven of tired workers and toiling farmers. All the best spots and resorts of the present ruling class can become rest homes for the masses.

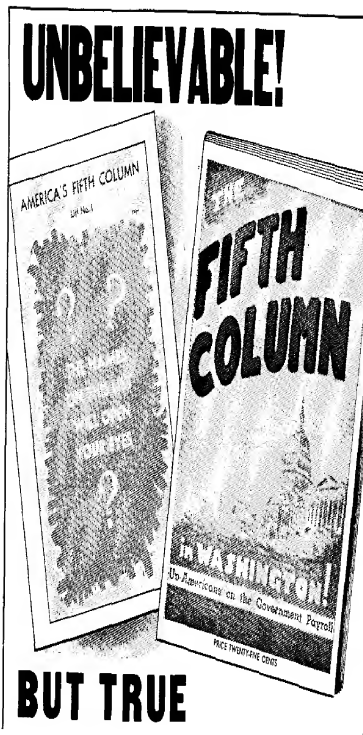
"This is only a mere peep into the vista of a glorious future for the masses . . . We must begin now—begin by organizing, by preparing our forces in our daily struggles to improve our conditions, by learning 'to take over'."

That is the objective of the Fifth Column.

To "take over" industry!

To "take over" the South!!

To "take over" America!!!



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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

Coleman, Texas
November 6, 1940

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mrs. E. M. Jones, (Regent, Daughters American Revolution,
Coleman, Texas, is somewhat exercised about a pamphlet, The Fifth
Column, in the South, by Joseph P. Camp, which has recently been
sent her. She wants to know what is being done in the matter of
combating the fifth column.

I find that similar literature is being mailed other
women's organizations, evidently for propaganda purposes.

Please send Mrs. Jones such material as you have avail-
able showing what the government is really doing.

Any comments you might care to make regarding the above
mentioned pamphlet will be appreciated also.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas L South

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Constitutional
Education League*

*Acted with
Mrs. Jones
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November 30, 1940

Honorable Charles L. South
Member of Congress
Coleman, Texas

My dear Congressman:

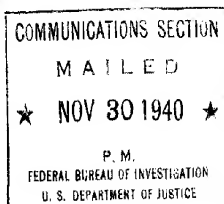
Your communication dated November 6, 1940, has been received and I wish to advise that in accordance with your request I have today forwarded to Mrs. E. M. Jones of Coleman, Texas, a number of this Bureau's pamphlets which I hope she will find of interest.

With expressions of my highest esteem
and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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REV. WINROD AIDS JOSEPH KAMP

New York, N. Y.,

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~~DATE 01-15-01 BY 38063 LEW-JAK-1~~

October 19, 1940.

The Hour can report that Gerald B. Winrod, the notorious anti-Semite of Wichita, Kansas, and editor of the rabidly anti-democratic magazine, The Defender, is assisting Joseph P. Kamp in the distribution of the latter's booklet, The Fifth Column in Washington. Winrod has just issued a circular publicizing this most recent work of Kamp's and offering the booklet for sale in quantity lots. The circular, which is written in the form of a letter, carries the heading "Fight The Real Fifth Column." The nature of the "fight" Winrod is eager to carry on is indicated in the following excerpts from the letter;

Dear Christian Friend;

During the last few days, hundreds of Defender Readers have ordered Joseph P. Kamp's new book, "The Fifth Column in Washington."

This book is a piercing, penetrating exposure of subversive agencies, operating in the United States, particularly in the Nation's Capital. ...

With brutal frankness, "The Fifth Column in Washington," names and gives an index, listing high ranking officials, who are at this moment on the payroll of the government. ...

I call upon you as a Christian and patriot, as a reader of the Defender Magazine, to get this information circulated in your community, your neighborhood, your Church, your business circles ... with all possible haste. Tens of thousands of copies have been distributed in the last few weeks. There is no time to be lost in this hour of national crisis. ... Think, pray, act!

Yours in the bonds of Christian Americanism,

(Signed) Gerald B. Winrod.

The circular promoting Kamp's booklet is accompanied by a leaflet endorsing and offering for sale one of the most vicious pieces of anti-Semitic literature now being distributed in the United States. This leaflet, also written in the form of a

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205 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK

HERBERT L. STONE
EDITOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

November 12th
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Gentlemen:

There recently came to me here a booklet called "The Fifth Column in Washington," of which the enclosed apparently tells the source. It is the most scurrilous thing I have ever seen.

As it undoubtedly was sent to all editors, I suppose you have seen the publication. I cannot make out whether it is political propaganda or foreign propaganda, I am inclined to think the latter.

I am sending this to you as I understand you are interested in getting hold of material of this kind that is being sent out.

Yours very truly,

Herbert L. Stone
H. L. STONE

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

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SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT
PROTECTIVE LIFE BLDG.
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NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

September 25, 1940.

Dear Mr. Editor:

We are pleased to send you herewith a copy of our booklet "The FIFTH COLUMN in Washington". We feel that you will find it interesting and enlightening.

The situation discussed in this booklet is of very serious consequence to the American people. We are hopeful that you will decide that the facts set forth should be called to the attention of your readers. Please feel free to quote from this booklet to any extent that you may wish.

Faithfully yours,

Chester A. Hanson,
Secretary.

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P.S. Should you carry any of this material in your paper,
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us a tear sheet.

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Mr. Herbert L. Stone
205 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

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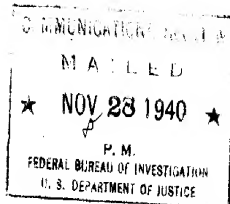
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 12, 1940, with its enclosure, and to express my appreciation for your interest in corresponding with this Bureau.

You may be assured that the content of your communication has been carefully noted. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is desirous of obtaining any data pertaining to the internal security of this country. I hope you will feel free to continue to bring to my attention any information which you deem to be of interest to this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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For Mr. J. E. ...

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December 19, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
New Haven, Connecticut

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.;
JOSEPH P. KAMP

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of October 28, 1940, regarding the above-named organization and Joseph P. Kamp, wherein you were furnished information appearing in the Bureau file pertaining to Kamp and requested to conduct an investigation relative to same.

A review of the Bureau file fails to indicate that this matter has received investigative attention.

I wish to advise that the Bureau is interested in securing information pertaining to Kamp and you are therefore instructed to give this matter your immediate attention.

I desire that an investigative report in this matter be submitted not later than December 30, 1940.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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This Case originated at NEW HAVEN, CONN.

NH File No. 100-15 am

Report made at NEW HAVEN, CONN.	Date: 12/14/40	Period: 11/4, 9, 30/40	Report made by: O. H. HAGE
Title: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMIN, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			Character: INTERNAL SECURITY
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Secretary of State records show organization incorporated under Connecticut Laws April 20, 1937 and purpose to be to investigate and expose subversive elements in the United States. Subjects are officers. The Connecticut office, 42 Church Street, New Haven, Conn., learned from confidential sources that Subject BENJAMIN has been soliciting funds from banks and industrial concerns throughout the country. Two Dunn and Bradstreet reports furnished by same source set out. Retail credit bureau report shows Subject BENJAMIN not financially responsible.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Material published by organization obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau to New Haven dated 10/28/40; letter from the Bureau to New Haven dated 11/6/40</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT</u></p> <p>Special Agent L. L. Meunier of the New Haven Field Division contacted the office of the Secretary of State and obtained the information that the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., was incorporated under Connecticut law on April 20, 1937 with main offices at 42 Church Street, New Haven, Conn.</p>			
Approved & Forwarded: <i>J. McShire</i> SAC		Do not write in these Spaces 61-10355-36 DEC 27 1940	
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The subscribers are:

JOSEPH P. KAMP, President, 342 Madison Avenue,
New York City
H. BYRON SWARTZ, Vice-President, Old Tavern Road,
Orange, Connecticut
CHESTER A. HANSON, Treasurer and Agent, 67 Maple
Street, Milford, Conn.
MADELYN A. CARMON, Assistant Treasurer & Secretary,
1405 Chapel Street,
New Haven, Conn.

The purposes of this corporation are, "To bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our Government, and the guarantees and provisions of its basic instrument, The Constitution of the United States; to inculcate patriotism and love of country; to investigate and expose the subversive elements which are seeking to undermine the faith of the American people in their institutions and to foster this general program through the medium of the printed and spoken word."

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

The writer next contacted ROYCE I. SLOANE, Investigator for the Credit Rating Bureau, Inc., New Haven, Conn. SLOANE advised that he had conducted a preliminary investigation concerning the background of this organization at the request of several of their customers because they had been contacted for solicitations. He advised that he could not find much information concerning this organization by that WILLIAM H. RUSH, 186 Bradley Street, New Haven, Conn., a former employee of the Retail Credit Bureau, had at one time worked for the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc. as a writer and that he is no longer connected with that organization. He advised that RUSH probably is reliable although he is radically inclined and probably could give a great deal of information concerning the Subjects in this case. He also advised that FREDERICK F. BREWSTER, a multi-millionaire residing on 840 Whitney Avenue, with offices at 129 Church Street, was a former backer of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., and could probably give some information. He also advised that JUDGE JOHN L. GILSON of the Probate Court residing at 178 Cold Spring Road with offices at City Hall, a former officer of this organization, could also give valuable information. Mr. RUSH stated that the New York Office of the Retail Credit Bureau has a file on this organization and could be contacted by the New York Division of the FBI. Because of the fact that the New York Office is presently conducting an investigation concerning this organization no lead is being specifically set out to contact the Retail Credit Bureau in New York City.

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[REDACTED] JOSEPH P. KAMP were the principal officers of the Constitutional League and that the office is located in the First National Bank Building, 42 Church St., New Haven, Conn. She advised that in 1938 this organization had been organized for a period of approximately ten years [REDACTED]

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whose names she did not have available. She advised that the New York Office of this organization was located at 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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[REDACTED] DR. H. W. BENJAMIN, Field Secretary for this organization. DR. BENJAMIN was reputedly seeking funds for this organization. DR. BENJAMIN formerly lived at 878 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, Conn. According to records in the file, BENJAMIN was reported to lack financial responsibility in West Hartford and to be formerly employed by the National Republic in Washington, D. C. He also advised that the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C., is supposed to have information concerning Dr. BENJAMIN.

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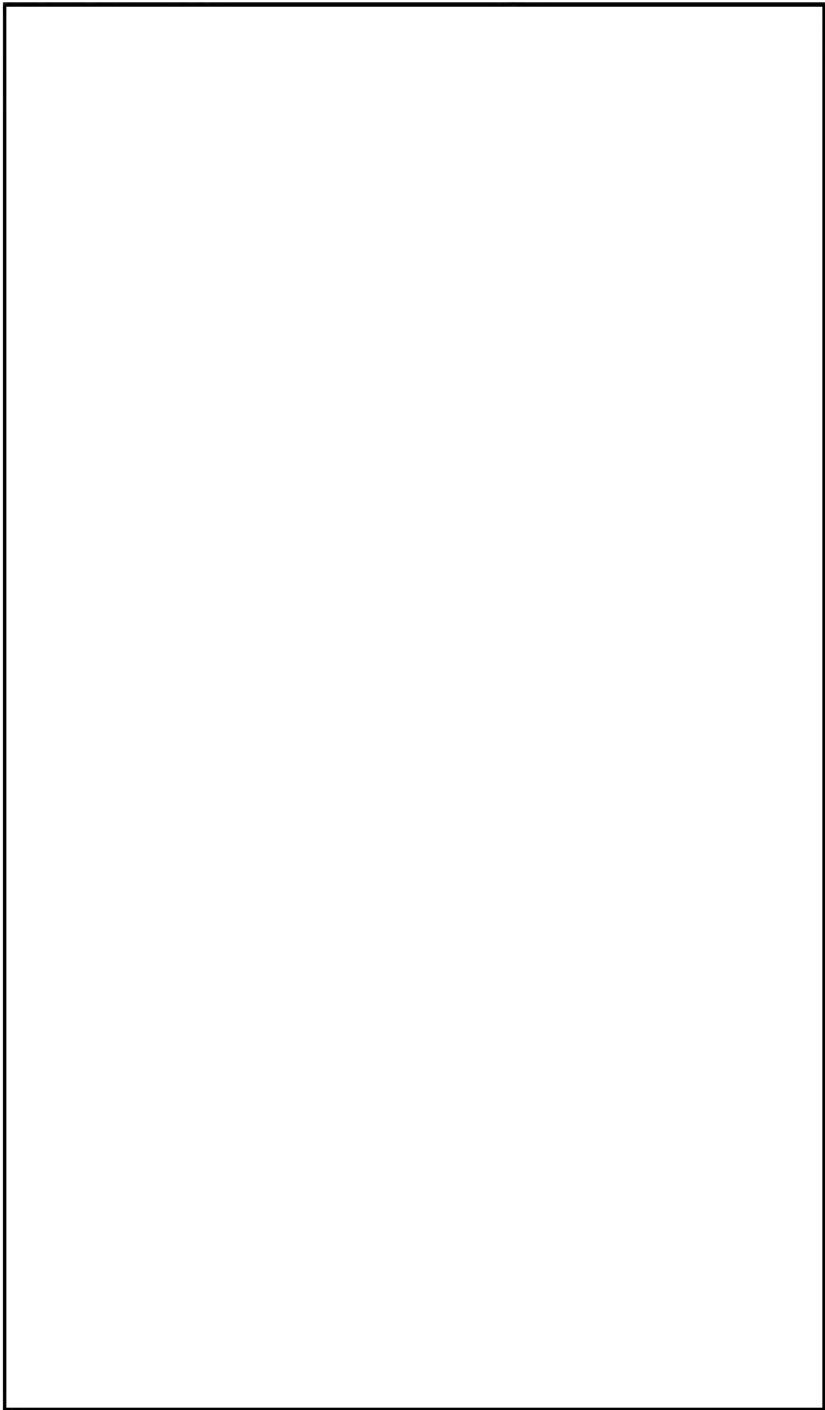
several pamphlets and folders which they have received from this organization and that he could furnish the writer with several of them. These pamphlets consist of a pamphlet called "The Fifth Column in the South," published in 1940, written by JOSEPH P. KAMP. This pamphlet is similar to the pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column in Washington", also published in

1940. Another pamphlet is entitled ~~"Join the CIO and Help~~
~~Build a Solid America"~~, published in 1937; a circular en-
titled ~~"The Communists Congratulate You"~~, containing an ex-
cerpt from the ~~"Daily Worker"~~ ~~Central Organ of the Communist~~
~~Party, U.S.A."~~, and a copy of the front page of the ~~Nashville~~
~~Banner~~, dated August 13, 1937, containing reference to a speech
which KAMP made denouncing the CIO and likewise containing a
picture of Subject KAMP. These pamphlets are being retained
at the New Haven Field Office for reference purposes unless
requested to forward them to the Bureau.

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Special Agent M. H. Nance of the New Haven Field Division interviewed Mrs. THOMAS GARDNER of 137 Adair Street, Branford, Conn., who called at the Field Office November 29, 1940 and stated that she had received through a friend of hers a copy of the publication "Fifth Columnists on the Government Payroll". She advised Agent Nance concerning the contents of the publication and thought that the FBI ought to do something about this organization.

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THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

Will contact JOHN L. GILSON at the City Hall or at his residence, 178 Cold Spring Road and obtain information as to the organization and its members' method of obtaining funds. It must be borne in mind that GILSON was former Chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the character, reputation and background of WILLIAM HARUSH, 186 Bradley Street, and if the investigation shows that he is an honest and responsible individual will interview him concerning this organization and its officers.

Will interview FREDERICK F. BREWSTER, with office at 129 Church Street, residing at 840 Whitney Avenue and obtain information concerning this organization and its officers.

AT STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the character, reputation, credit rating and criminal record of CHESTER A. HANSON, 67 Maple Street.

AT ORANGE, CONNECTICUT

Will conduct appropriate investigation to obtain the character, reputation, credit rating and criminal record of W. BYRON SWARTZ, Old Tavern Road.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Will conduct appropriate investigation as requested in Bureau letter dated October 28, 1940.

THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning this organization with its offices located in the Pioneer Building as requested in the Bureau letter dated October 28, 1940.

THE BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning this organization with its office in the First National Building, as requested in the Bureau letter dated October 28, 1940.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will contact the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America concerning what they have in their files on this organization. It is noted that Mr. D. A. SKINNER, Secretary, has corresponded with the New Haven Chamber of Commerce concerning this.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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New Haven, Connecticut
December 15, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Fuller Alb. Belmont

Re: ^① CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH P. KAMP; W. BYRON SWARTZ; DR. H.
W. BENJAMIN; CHESTER A. HANSON; MADELYN
A. CARMON
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report by Special
Agent O. H. Hage, dated December 14, 1940.

The confidential source of information
referred to in this report is [redacted]

Very truly yours,

J. McGuire

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Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

J.P. Kramer -

Dear Sir:-

R. C. ~~X~~PATTERSON, State Adjutant, of
the American Legion, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska,
furnished me the three enclosed pamphlets entitled -
"THE FIFTH COLUMN IN WASHINGTON!" - published by
JOSEPH P. KAMP.

PATTERSON informed me KAMP was formerly
a National Officer in the American Legion, and that he
considers these pamphlets to be pretty well founded.

He had quite a number in his office,
which he distributed among his friends.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein
C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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New Haven, Connecticut
January 21, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: ~~CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc.~~
JOSEPH P. KAMP, et al
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are six film packs of Super
XX Film, size 3-1/4 x 4-1/4, which are pictures
of documents relating to the above case.

It is requested that four copies be made
of each photograph and be returned to the New Haven
Field Office together with the negatives of each.

Very truly yours,

J. J. McGuire
J. J. McGuire
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
New Haven, Connecticut

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Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc.
JOSEPH P. KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of January 21, 1941, there are being forwarded to your office under separate registered cover, four photographic prints of each and the negatives of exposures made of documents relating to the above case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TINSLEY L. BAXTER, Adjutant
17 Park View, St. Newport, Ky.
Phone COlonial 7407

HARRY X GUILFOYLE, Commander
110 Joyce Ave., Southgate, Ky.
Phone HlAnd 8282-M

ELMER C. WALTER, Quartermaster
196 Main Ave.,
South Newport, Ky.



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RANKIN-PROUT POST No. 1404

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

RESOLUTION

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS:

We the members of Rankin-Prout Post #1404 Veterans of Foreign Wars, having come into possession of a booklet entitled "The Fifth Column in Washington" by Joseph P. Kamp and dedicated to the Leader of "My Party" Franklin D. Roosevelt, and

WHEREAS

This list No. 1 of America's Fifth Column contains names of persons prominent in our National Life, and hold Key Positions under your appointment and control, subject to removal by you for any cause and in this case, it is serious, so serious that without their removal, your billions for Defense will be money poured down a sewer, and

WHEREAS:

we cite just three, and we are sending you the entire list of 563 (aids ?) all of whom are known Fifth Columnists, and the three men singled out are, Sidney Hillman, Member National Defense Council, Robert Jackson, Attorney General, Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, therefore be it

RESOLVED

That a house divided against itself, shall fall, it behooves you as Leader of this Great Nation, to clean out everything un-American, we recommend the immediate Dismissal and Deportation of these aids (?) to the Lands of the System they Love, and be further and finally

RESOLVED

that the Dies Committee have your complete and harmonious co-operation for another and indefinite term commencing at once.

Passed in Regular Session by,

RANKIN-PROUT POST #1404
Veterans of Foreign Wars U.S.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. MCQUIRE**

I am transmitting herewith copies of a resolution dated January 14, 1941, drawn up and transmitted to the President by the Rankin-Prout Post No. 1404, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Newport, Kentucky, Harry J. Guilfoyle, Commander, 110 Joyce Avenue, Southgate, Kentucky, which was received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation by reference from the White House.

There is also attached hereto a copy of a publication entitled "The Fifth Column in Washington!" which was transmitted together with the above-mentioned resolution.

In view of the reference to various individuals in the employ of the U. S. Government in this resolution I deem it advisable to bring copies thereof, together with the enclosure, to your attention. I wish to advise that I have not acknowledged receipt of this communication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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110 Joyce Avenue.,
Southgate, Ky.



Excellent Franklin D. Roosevelt, President, U.S.
White House,
Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

FILE NO. **65-770**

REPORT MADE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	DATE WHEN MADE 1/21/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/4-9/41	REPORT MADE BY R. F. FRY
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMIN, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The Constitutional Educational League, Inc., operating under Miss MILDRED WALL, occupied office #1320 in the First National Bank Building of Birmingham for the month of October, 1940. They paid the rent in cash in advance and signed no lease or other papers. It appeared to the neighbors in the building to be a political campaign against President ROOSEVELT and they distributed two books written by JOSEPH P. KAMP attacking the present administration. The League had no bank account in Birmingham. The clerk who worked for the League was interviewed and stated that she knew nothing about it except that she worked for them and they sold these books.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letters to New Haven, 12/19/40 and 10/28/40. Report of Special Agent O. H. Hage, New Haven, 12/14/40.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA</p> <p>Mr. CHARLES H. RUSSELL at the Chamber of Commerce stated that he had no record of the Constitutional Educational League and that he had never heard of it before. He consulted the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and she also had no record of this League.</p>			
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Mr. JAMES H. WISE, at the Merchants Credit Association, stated that he had no record of the Constitutional Educational League, nor did he have any record of Miss MILDRED HALL.

Chief of Detectives LUTHER HOLLUMS, at the Birmingham Police Department, stated that he had nothing on the Constitutional Educational League.

Mr. W. C. SCOTT, Rental Agent for the First National Bank Building at 416 First National Bank Building, stated that the Constitutional Educational League occupied office #1320 for the month of October. They paid their rent in cash in advance and took the office just for that one month. They signed no lease or any other papers. The person in charge was Miss MILDRED HALL, and she was the one who took care of the rent. He stated that he received no complaints on this League and that he thought it was just a campaign against the present administration. Mr. SCOTT gave the agent the name of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] Constitutional Educational League [REDACTED] Miss MILDRED HALL was at the head of it and took charge of everything. A man named H. E. MILLS, SR., was the one that seemed to have gotten it started, and he is with the Alabama Mining Institute which is now in the First National Bank Building.

[REDACTED] did not know what connection Mr. MILLS had with the League but he just seemed to be the one that set them up. Also a Mrs. EDNA S. KLEINE was a stenographer for the League and she lives at 404 Second Street West in Birmingham. [REDACTED]

Mrs. KLEINE [REDACTED]

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She stated that they sold pamphlets to people and gave many of them away. The two pamphlets they distributed were "The Fifth Column in Washington," and "The Fifth Column in the South." Both of which have been forwarded to the Bureau. [REDACTED] this was just a campaign affair against ROOSEVELT and that right before

the election they gave up the office and ceased distributing this literature. Mrs. KLEINE was stenographer but she had no connection with it and was just paid to do the clerical work in the office. In the opinion of [redacted] Mrs. KLEINE could be contacted by agent and would tell the truth as to anything she might know.

There was no bank account kept by the League in Birmingham. They made some money above expenses from selling these pamphlets and they would send this to New York at their head office. Miss HALL is a photographer in New York and has now returned to New York City. The reason [redacted] knew this is because Miss HALL mailed a book on "How To Get A Job" to Mrs. KLEINE after Miss HALL had gone back to New York. This was about as much as [redacted] knew about the League. She knew that they received many letters every day and a lot of prominent men came to the office. However, she could not furnish the names of these men as she did not know them.

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She stated that they received orders for as much as \$25 and \$30 worth of books from different universities. However, she could not furnish the names of these universities. She said that they really mailed lots of books out each day and that was their sole activity, just to distribute these books.

Mrs. EWA S. KLEINE, at 424 West Second Street, stated that her main duty in working for the League was to stuff envelopes with books. This was the first job that she received after finishing business college and she was willing to work anywhere. She stated that Miss HALL always treated her very nice and seemed to be a nice woman. She stated the purpose of the League was to campaign for Willkie against Roosevelt. Miss HALL always appeared to be a very patriotic American and this was just one of her hobbies. At the present time, she is in New York at her photography studio and can be reached through the headquarters of the Constitutional Educational League in that city.

She stated that Miss HALL was a native of Birmingham and that her father is a chiropractor. However, a search of the City Directory fails to reveal this. Mrs. KLEINE was unable to give the names of any of the persons who received books or any of the men who visited the office. She stated that her duty was just to mind her own business and to mail out these pamphlets and that she confined her work to this. She said she had no list left of

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the people to whom the books were mailed, nor does she know any of the men around town who had any connection with it. Mrs. KLEINE is not employed at the present time.

Mr. EDWARD T. RICE, 13th floor of the First National Bank Building, is an attorney who stated that he knew nothing of the Constitutional Educational League but just knew that it was down there and thought that it was a campaign affair.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.:

Will contact the office of the Secretary of State to determine if this Constitutional Educational League filed any papers to do business in the State of Alabama and if they did will secure a copy of them.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.:

Will conduct an investigation of Mr. H. E. MILLS, SR. to determine what connection he has with the Constitutional Educational League.

NEW YORK OFFICE AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will conduct an investigation of Miss MILDRED HALL, who operates a photography studio and who can be reached through the Constitutional Educational League's office.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: JOSEPH P. KAMP, et al -
X CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Recently Special Agent N. D. WILLIS was interview-

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KAMP has an autographed
photograph of HITLER in this office. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KAMP is the author of "The Red Book", which
lists the names of Communists who are employed at the seat
of Government, and also that he is the head of the Consti-
tutional Educational League.

Yours very truly,

Guy Hottel
GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
First National Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

A few days ago, one Mrs. ROY A. WEDEKIND of 800 Garden Avenue, Fountain City, Tennessee, a suburb of Knoxville, Tennessee, phone 6-1966, came into the Knoxville Field Division and exhibited two pamphlets to Special Agent N. A. PINKSTON. She stated that someone had given her one of the pamphlets, and after reading same she wrote a letter to the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., the publishers of the pamphlet, at 342 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, and they in turn sent her quite a number of copies of the other pamphlet. The first pamphlet is entitled "The Fifth Column in Washington, Un-Americans on the Government Payroll." The second pamphlet is entitled "The Fifth Column in the South." These pamphlets were examined by Agent PINKSTON and the pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column in the South" seems to contain a general expose of the communist party and its action in regard to the South, mentioning in particular the Highland Folk School in Tennessee and other communist schools in Arkansas and communist organizations in Alabama. The other pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column in Washington" is allegedly an expose of the activities of un-Americans on the Government payroll in Washington. It will be noted on page 6 and on pages 12, 13, 14, and 15 that there are some very pointed remarks directed at the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is in the pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column in Washington."

Mrs. WEDEKIND informed Agent PINKSTON that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had on several occasions done valuable service for either herself or members of her family and she thought very highly of

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the Bureau. Consequently, she wished to turn in a copy of each of these pamphlets over to the Bureau for their examination before she passed out any of said pamphlets. She stated that if there was any objectionable material in the pamphlets, she would not pass them out as she did not wish to be connected with anything that might be in the least un-American.

A copy of each of said pamphlets is being enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau and any action they may deem necessary in regard to same.

Very truly yours,

C. K. Fierstone
C. K. FIERSTONE
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 2/24/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/25/41	REPORT MADE BY L. LEVIN
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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-16-81 BY 8900/JEN-JAK-11</p> <p>CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE originated approximately 1930 at New Haven, Conn. Reportedly is a fact finding movement concerning work of Communists and other Red movements and disseminated information to the public. Organization reportedly maintaining bank account Irving Trust Co., NYC. One JOSEPH P. KEMP is associated with this organization and edits publication entitled "HEADLINES." Is reportedly author of several pamphlets dealing with 5th Column activities. Various persons indicated subject organization may be screen for Nazi activities. New Haven Office requested to furnish data from its files.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. S. Rogers, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated 9/20/40.</p> <p>DETAILS: The files of the New York Office reflect the following information concerning the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, 432 Madison Avenue, New York City:</p> <p>In the case entitled ESPIONAGE;</p>			
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New York File 65-5696, a letter dated June 20, 1940, directed to the Bureau reflects that inquiry was made by Special Agent F. J. Whelan at New Haven, Connecticut, through the New Haven Chamber of Commerce Credit Bureau regarding the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, and it was ascertained that this Organization was located at 42 Church Street, New Haven, and was organized approximately ten years ago by one CHESTER A. HANSON and JOSEPH P. KEMP of New Haven as a fact-finding movement concerning the workings of the Communist and other alien Red movements and for the further purpose of disseminating this information through every known means of public expression, such as newspapers, magazines, speeches, radio, etc.

It was further ascertained that Probate Court Judge JOHN L. GILSON, New Haven, was Chairman of the League for many years and resigned in March, 1938; and that CHESTER A. HANSON, as of June, 1940, was executive secretary.

A notation in the files of the aforementioned Credit Bureau reveals that the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE conducts all its investigations relative to Red activities under cover, and that the League has an account with the Irving Trust Company in New York City under its name.

Agent WHELAN made no contact with any of the officials of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.

The above investigation was instituted in the New York Office as a result of the receipt in the New York Office from [redacted] of a letter indicating that [redacted]

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The Philadelphia Office, in their report of July 31, 1940, submitted by Special Agent [redacted] in the same entitled matter, reflected that [redacted]

[redacted]

Under date of November 26, 1940, Special Agent Emmett F. McNamara submitted a memorandum indicating that on

October 29, 1940. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] suspicious of the CONSTITUTIONAL LEAGUE, located in room 501, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED] the League presumably educates people against Communism. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they mail out booklets entitled "FIFTH COLUMN IN THE SOUTH," and "FIFTH COLUMN IN WASHINGTON," [REDACTED] although the individuals are apparently combating Communism, they make no mention of Nazism or Fascism, and appear to be most mercenary in their outlook.

With regard to JOSEPH KEMP mentioned above, information was received at the New York Office from Special Agent Naughton of the Newark Field Division that KEMP was reportedly the author of pamphlets entitled "JOIN THE CIO," and "HELP BUILD A SOVIET AMERICA." According to a letter dated August 26, 1940, directed to the Bureau, the publication entitled "FIFTH COLUMN IN WASHINGTON" was written by JOSEPH P. KEMP. According to a letter dated October 19, 1938, to the Bureau from the New York Office entitled NAZI ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, it is stated that a publication called "HEADLINES" is published by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., which publication dated July 30, 1938, appeared to be directed strongly against the WORKERS ALLIANCE and the WPA. This publication was edited by JOSEPH P. KEMP, the editing office being 15 West 44th Street, New York City, and the publishing office being 42 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

In view of the above information, no investigation is being conducted by the New York Office concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., but a lead is being set out for the New Haven Office to furnish the Milwaukee Office with complete information contained in its files concerning this League.

ENCLOSURE:TO NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION:

1 copy of report of Special Agent J. S. Rogers, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated 9/20/40.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION:

Will, from its files, summarize information concerning the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE Headquarters at New Haven, furnishing same to the Milwaukee Office.

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="font-size: small;">RECEIVED FEB 20 1941 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Files of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C. examined. Information on subject organization reveals it was possibly active some ten years prior to its incorporation in 1937. Organization identical in name operating in Michigan and possibly New York City in 1930-1931 by one "Captain O'BRIEN." Several inquiries on subject organization received by United States Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C. Contents of inquiries and replies noted. Text of speech of subject KAMP August 15, 1937 Nashville, Tennessee, obtained. [redacted] obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. H. HAGE, made at New Haven, Connecticut, December 14, 1940.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>[redacted] United States Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C., furnished the writer with his files on the Constitutional Educational League.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">cc Div of Rec 11-27-42 68</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 01-18-01 BY 99063 LEW-JAR-RK</p> </div> </div> </div>			
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ADDRESS OF MR. JOSEPH P. KAMP
VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE
AT A MEMBERSHIP FORUM
NASHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, August 13, 1957

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, fellow citizens: I consider

it a pleasure and an honor to be here today and to have the opportunity
to discuss with you a matter that I consider to be of very grave
importance to all of us, and to the nation as a whole.

There is no question in my mind, and I do not think there is any
in yours, after hearing what the Congressman had to say, that the nation
at this moment is facing a very serious crisis. What we are reaping today
had its inception in seeds that were sown throughout the last twenty years,
a sowing to which we paid no attention.

There have been men and women who have tried to bring to the
attention of the American people the facts regarding the activities being
carried on throughout the length and breadth of this land of ours by
organizations which were seeking to undermine the faith of the American
people in our institutions, our society and our government, and preparing
the way to destroy our Government and set up in its place a communistic
society. Many people like to refer to this activity as the "red menace",
and they told us, and they told themselves, whether they believed it or not,
that this so-called "red menace" was a myth.

Just review for a minute what Congressman Hoffman had to say in the
last half hour--riot, blood-shed, death insurrection, civil war, anarchy!
Some of you are going to say subconsciously in your minds, "Oh, that is not
communism." "That is C. I. O."

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Let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that is communism rampant. The C. I. O. is Communism in action. Now that may be libel, and if it is, let John L. Lewis sue me.

I do not expect you to take my word in this connection, however. I am going to present a little evidence to you. I intend to discuss three important phases of the situation. First of all, what is the C. I. O.? Then, where did it come from? And third, are its leaders communists? Perhaps, as an afterthought, I'll also answer the question, is John Lewis a communist?

Now, what is this C. I. O.? Is it a union? It is the farthestest thing from a union that you ever saw. It is the basis for a mass revolutionary organization that its leaders intend to use, one of these days, to take over the United States and substitute in its place a Soviet America.

The C. I. O. has a program of social unrest. To find out what it really is, we will have to look underneath the label. To illustrate what I mean, let me tell you a story about an Irish lad in the early days of the unemployment period. He was out of a job, but he was also ambitious, he wanted to work, and so, religiously, he followed the want ads in the newspapers. One day he saw an ad, "Man wanted, easy work, short hours, high pay". He took that paper, folded it up, stuck it in his pocket, and ran down to the address. It was the circus. He applied for the job. When he asked the nature of the work, the manager said, "Well, all you have to do is put on a bear-skin and walk back and forth inside the cage. Pretty soon an announcer stepped up on the platform. There was a blast of a trumpet, the announcer stepped forward. "Ladies and gentlemen", he said, "I am now going to introduce to you a spectacle that you have never seen before in all your lives. I am going to show you where a live lion and a live bear play with each other in

the same cage." And, sure enough, in an adjoining cage a lion was waiting for the pounce. Beads of perspiration formed on that Irishman's forehead. Then, as the announcer completed his spiel, he signalled to the trainer, up went the gate, in pounced the lion, and Pat staggered back with a groan, when from underneath the lion's skin came a voice which said, "don't be afraid, Pat, sure I'm an Irishman, too". Under the skin they were Irish and under the skins of the many sects and creeds in American life who hold out a program of social unrest--under the skin, they are communists.

Let's see just what is this C. I. O. Lewis is not going to tell you, and none of the communist leaders who are in control of the C. I. O. are going to tell you. They are not as honest and outspoken as the old time American revolutionists. Eugene Victor Debs, for example, when he said his piece, he didn't care who knew what he was up to. What did he say about this type of organization that they have in the C. I. O.? He said, a long time ago, that the craft of unionism of the American Federation of Labor is obsolete, that industrial unionism must replace it. He said, "The old Unionism would make you contented. We industrial workers are doing what we can to increase your discontent. We would have you rise in revolt against wage slavery. The working man who is contented today is truly a pitiable object." That is what Debs said. And how well that quotation applies to the situation in the United States at this moment, insofar as the C. I. O. is concerned.

Now where did this C. I. O. come from? Where did it get its start? You can go back into your newspaper files or pick up an almanac, and you will find that it was organized in October of 1935. But that wasn't the beginning of the C. I. O. It had its real beginning back in 1919, in the City of Chicago, when the Communist party of America was born. In their first

program they set forth the policy of the C. I. O. today.

Let me read to you from this program of the Communist party; the original program adopted in 1919:

"As against the trade unionism of the American Federation of Labor; the program declared, 'the Communist Party propagandizes industrial unionism and industrial union organizations, emphasizing their revolutionary implications. Industrial unionism is not simply a means for the everyday struggle against capitalism; its ultimate purpose is revolutionary, implying the necessity of ending the capitalist parliamentary state. Industrial unionism is a factor in the final mass action for the conquest of power, as it will constitute the basis for the industrial administration of the Communist Commonwealth'."

Unlike John L. Lewis and his present day henchmen, the early American Communists were frank and outspoken in stating that industrial unions were NOT just another form of trade unionism. It has "revolutionary implications", they admitted; "ITS ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS REVOLUTIONARY", they said; it is a "factor in the final mass action for the conquest of power," they declared; and it implies, they asserted, the ending of the "capitalist parliamentary state"--in other words, it implies the destruction of our Government.

That is what industrial unionism is, that is what the Communists said it was in 1919, and it is still the same thing today. The only difference is, that the Communists of 1919 were honest and above-board, and

said what they meant, but the present radical leadership of the C. I. O. is trying to hide these facts from the American people.

Let's go from 1919 to 1922--skip a few years. Let us see the next development of this C. I. O. You recall, most of you, that in 1922, out in the State of Michigan, on the lakeshore among the sand dunes, the communists were gathered for an illegal convention. Department of Justice agents, cooperating with the County and the State Authorities, raided the Communists convention, and arrested the leaders. They confiscated large quantities of Communistic literature and secret documents. These documents are still in the federal archives. You can check up on what I have to say in this connection, you do not have to take my word for it. This is official. One of these documents was a report from the agent of Soviet Russia in the United States. A report that he sent to his Moscow masters. Let me read an extract from that report:

"The prospects of our influencing the labor movement are mainly in the International Ladies Garment Workers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers. There is a splendid chance for our propaganda among the textile workers; also the United Mine Workers. There are great possibilities for our work among the automobile workers."--

Of itself it means nothing, but let us look over this list - the International Ladies Garment Workers; the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers; the textile workers; the United Mine Workers. There are the unions whose officers comprised the original committee formed as the C. I. O.--the Committee for Industrial Organization.

What do you think those Moscow masters did with that report? They

got busy. They went to work, just as they had been busy on every front in the United States in the course of the last fifteen or twenty years. They got busy, and they "bored-from-within" these organizations; they captured the leadership. When the time was ripe, their American agents followed the dictates of the Communist Internationale--and the C. I. O. was born.

Let us go back to the beginning of 1935. In January, the Communist party in national convention declared: "Now is the time to carry on our propaganda for industrial unionism." In August of that year, 1935, in Moscow, when the Congress of the Communist Internationale met, what did they do? They sent an order to America - it was an official resolution. They said, "the Congress makes it a duty to reorganize the trade unions in America by industries."

Four thousand copies of that order--of that resolution of the Communist Internationale--were published and distributed among the comrades here in America. That was done in September, and then in October, the C. I. O. --the Committee for Industrial Organization--was established. Isn't all this significant. You may consider it circumstantial evidence. Let us say it is. But it is still mighty significant, nevertheless. And it will be even more significant when I answer the third question--are these C. I. O. leaders Communists?

Well, even though I might say they were, it wouldn't mean anything. I might say - I do say - that the C. I. O. literally crawls with Communism from top to bottom. You may not believe that. I don't ask you to take my word for it.

But listen to what a good friend of the C. I. O., Governor Murphy of Michigan had to say.

Murphy let the cat out of the bag. He was being ribbed and criticised very severely because he failed to uphold the laws of his state; because he violated his oath of office; because he refused to protect the citizens of his state who were entitled to the protection of the law. Here is the excuse that he gave. He said, "in the Flint situation, the Saginaw Valley Power strike, in the 'little revolution' which occurred in Lansing, the Communists in the C. I. O. wanted blood-shed". That is what Governor Murphy said, the Communists in the C. I. O. wanted blood-shed. So there must be some Communists in the C. I. O. after all.

Then a few weeks went by, and we had this situation in Johnstown, where the Governor of Pennsylvania drove workers, honest workers, from their jobs. In violation of his oath of office, he deprived thousands of workers of their rights under the constitution of the United States. After the workers went back to work, the C. I. O. decided to demonstrate its power and the good Governor, the best friend that the C. I. O. has in this country, he went down there to Johnstown, and, as the featured speaker, gave them a little fatherly advice.

Do you know what he told them? Pardon my French, but I am quoting Governor Earle. He said, "Get those God-damned Communists out of your organization". Now these two fellows, Governor Murphy and Governor Earle, ought to know about Communists in the C. I. O. That's their story.

Did the C. I. O. take Governor Earle's advice? Well, you read in the newspapers about that so-called purge. How the C. I. O. was going to run all the Communists out of its ranks. That was the news the \$20,000 a year publicity man of the C. I. O. sent out to the papers, and some folks believed it when Gus Hall was deposed as the leader in Masillon, Ohio and Robert Burke

was fired from command of the C. I. O. forces in Youngstown. Two small-fry Communists! The first one, Gus Hall, is in jail. He was in jail when he was fired. He was in jail because he was the brains of a dynamiting plot, and his seven co-conspirators are now in prison serving sentences because they have already pleaded guilty. Why, the C. I. O. could very well afford to fire Gus Hall, because he will not be available for organization work for years to come and the same thing applies to Robert Burke, a twenty-one year old radical enthusiast, thrown out of Columbia University for his radicalism and then placed in charge of Youngstown by C. I. O. He knew his Communistic technique just a little too thoroughly, he over-played his hand, and now he awaits trial on a charge of inciting to riot. Firing these to insignificant Reds was some purge.

If it means business, why doesn't the C. I. O. get rid of some real Reds. Like Maurice Sugar, for instance. Sugar has been talking for Communism year in and year out, and back in war time he was fined \$500 for distributing seditious literature. Nice fellow! And he got a year and a day for evading the draft. The is the kind of leaders you have in the C. I. O. Not only are they Reds, but many are disloyalists and criminals, as well.

Why doesn't Lewis get rid of big shot Reds, like John Brophy? John Brophy is the brains of the C. I. O. The Executive Director of the whole National organization. John Brophy was branded as a Red by John Lewis himself and what is more, Lewis accused him of being in the direct pay of Moscow. But that was a few years ago. Now they are bosom pals.

Why didn't he throw out Jack Stachel? There is the Red that should have been thrown out first if the C. I. O. was honest and wanted to get rid

of its Communists. But they can't and don't want to get rid of these Communists.

When Governor Earle told the C. I. O. to kick out its Communists, that was like saying, "mister, why don't you blow out your brains"? The Communists are the brains of the C. I. O. To throw them out would be to commit suicide.

Jack Stachel for the last five years has been director of the Agitprop Department of the Communist Party. That peculiar name stands for agitation and propaganda. This organization is responsible for the remarkable growth of the Communist movement during the past five years; although on the C. I. O. payroll as a director for the C. I. O., Jack Stachel has not yet resigned as the head of this important adjunct of the communist party. And not only that, he has taken all his Communists organizers, and put them on the C. I. O. payrolls.

You may think I am talking through my hat, but if you want proof, you will find in the Congressional Record a speech delivered in the House of Representatives by Congressman Clare E. Hoffman in which he lists those Communist organizers, and their records, and makes the deliberate charge that they are on the C. I. O. payroll. Has anybody dared to deny it? Of course not. They can't deny it, because it is true.

Why doesn't John Lewis get rid of the Reuther boys, if he wants to follow Gov. Earle's advice? At the beginning of my remarks I said that the Communist master minds have been planning for this C. I. O. campaign for a long time -- let me show you how well they prepared.

In 1931 they took Walter and Victor Reuther from Detroit and sent them to Moscow, to Topinsky, where there is a replica of the Ford plant.

They make Fords in Russia, but they do not call them Fords over there. They have the same system of mass production that Henry Ford has. In Dearborn it is wage-slavery; over in Russia it is something else again, it is Heaven over there, and these boys, Walter and Victor, went over to find out all about the Red technique in the conduct of an auto strike. They studied in this Russian automobile factory so that when they got back here they could successfully carry through this general strike idea. They were taught also in Moscow, where they studied for a whole year, and then on their return to our country, they went to Brookwood Labor College at Katonah, N. Y., a Communistic institution, to finish their education in the Communistic technique. After they went back to Detroit, these two brothers were the spear-head of the C. I. O. campaign, which brought the sitdown strikes, brought the automobile strike, brought the current scourge of industrial controversy to these United States of America--these two fellows are still on the C. I. O. payroll.

Now some of you have read my booklet "Join the C. I. O., and help build a Soviet America". That title may seem fantastic to you. I didn't think up the idea. I got it from a message that was sent from Soviet Russia by Victor and Walter Reuther to the Comrades in Detroit. They said: "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America". Not only has John Lewis and the rest of the C. I. O. High Command refused to kick out the Communists, but they have added two Red satellites of the first water to their General staff.

You know the Communistic movement is determined to take over this Government, and they are going to do it one of these days unless you men and women "snap out of it". They are getting ready to take over America, and when they take it over they want to be sure that the employes of the Government are in good hands. So John Lewis now announces - I suppose John Brophy

told him to - that every government employe in the United States is going to be organized. Now it is no use to organize these fellows unless you have a good comrade at the head of them, a good Comrade who knows what it is all about. John found a good Red comrade and appointed him to be in charge of these government employes. A fellow who for the last fifteen years has been in New York editing and publishing revolutionary, socialist and communist literature--one, Jacob Baker.

He appoints another good comrade, another good Red, Harry Bridges, as the head of the C. I. O. Maritime Unions. Bridges is an alien from Australia, who, when asked, "are you going to become a citizen of the United States", said with a sneer, "why should I"?--Harry Bridges, who caused the San Francisco general strike, and who, if he has his way, is going to tie up the water front all the way down the West coast, all the way up the East coast, all the way across the Gulf coast.

Now let us come to Lewis. Is Lewis a Communist? I am asked that question a hundred times, a thousand times a week. How can I tell you what Lewis when he does not know himself. Lewis says, "I am not a Republican; I am not a Democrat; I am not a Socialist; I am not a Communist". He does not know what he is himself.

Now I do not think that Lewis subscribes to the philosophy of Communism; but that is not my test of Communism. To my mind any man who assists, or aids and abets in any manner, shape or form any movement that has for its ultimate end the destruction of our institutions of society and government and the overthrow of these United States of America, that man is a communist. If we apply that measure to Mr. John L. Lewis, I say to you that John L. Lewis is a Communist.

Lewis may think that he is using the Communist movement in America to further his own ends, his own ambitions. He may think when they have served their purpose that he is going to throw them out and get rid of them. But let me tell John Lewis, that he has got another think coming.

Communists, on the other hand, are cooperating with Lewis, giving him 100% cooperation--because they know they are using John Lewis to good advantage in the campaign they are conducting to bring about the overthrow of this government. Now Lewis may be getting something out of it, and on the other hand he may not; but the Communists in order to make sure that he gets paid in some way for the services he is contributing to the Communism, started to pay him back in January of this year, when they put him on the Communist honor roll for 1937. It was published in the official Communist organ, right on the front page, with pictures, and read: "No. 1, Joseph Stalin, head of the Soviet Government. No. 2, Earl Browder, head of the Communist party in the United States. No. 3, Largo Cabellero, head of the Communist party in Spain. No. 4, John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O. No. 5, this fellow Harry Bridges. No. 6, Homer Martin, head of the C. I. O. Automobile Union, and on the bottom of the list Krhyppain, the head of Soviet aviation.

Some may have said, and the workers may think that John Lewis is just a big-hearted sincere fellow, kindly, a benefactor to the working classes. But that is not the test. Maybe John Lewis is a big-hearted fellow. Maybe he is sincere and believes he is working for the good of the workers in this country. I remember a story about a big-hearted, sincere fellow, who was walking home one night, when he saw lying in the gutter a man who had drunk just a little bit too freely of homebrew--it was in prohibition times. He leaned down and put his arms around him and said, "My good man, where do

you live? The drunk managed to point, so he put his arm around him, took him over to a door and opened the door. The drunk pointed up so he pushed him up the steps to the third landing and said, "Which door"? There were three doors. The drunk pointed to a door, so he opened the door and pushed him in, and went back down the stairs, happy that in his good-hearted, sincere way, he had been able to do a service to this fellow.

When he got downstairs you can imagine the fellow's surprise, for there in almost the same spot was another drunk in the same condition as the first. He didn't do things by half, so he put his arms around this fellow, took him up three flights of stairs, opened the door and pushed him in. He came down feeling like a million dollars. He had done two good deeds for that day. When he got down on the sidewalk, there was a third in the same condition as the first and second, and as he walked over, this fellow managed to stagger into the arms of a nearby policeman, saying, "Save me, save me, Mr. Policeman, all that darn fool's been doing has been carrying me up three flights of stairs and dropping me down the elevator shaft". Don't let John L. Lewis take American workers up three flights of stairs of promise and then drop them down the elevator shaft of disillusionment.

Tell your people what is going on; tell your fellow citizens in this community what this C. I. O. is. But you might say, "We have the Wagner Act, we can't do that". But you can. The Wagner Act does not interfere with your right as an American citizen, under the Constitution, to express yourself; it does not interfere with your right of free speech.

You have a perfect right to tell the public anything you please, to tell the public of Communism, to tell the public of any Communistic organization, and I would like to see any Court in this land of ours that would disagree

with any man's right to warn his fellow citizens against an un-American movement, an anti-American movement which is trying to bring about destruction of our Government. If you will do that in your community, if you will tell your people this story - not the employees in any plant, but the people as a whole, get it across to them, prove it to them, you won't have to worry about John Lewis, you won't have to worry about Communism. If you will do this your fellow citizens will show Lewis and his Communistic C. I. O. that they will remain free Americans who can honestly say with me, "I am an American. God willing, I will carve out my future with these two hands and this brain; I stand on my own feet; and when successful, success for me and my own. If I fail or fall behind in this race of life, I seek no alibi, but in the character of my environment, this economic system, our form of government, I persevere. I carry no red flag of bitterness, hatred, sedition. I fight forward, clear-eyed, independent, whining not, thanking God I am an American.

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W. J. Young

Dear Edgar:

The President asked me to forward this to you and he requests that you find out who these people are, and, if the pamphlets they are sending out are scurrilous or libelous, the mails should be forbidden to them.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Edwin M. Watson
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Secretary to the President

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
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Dear Mr. President:-

The attached pamphlet which may have been brought to your attention since it was mailed to every member of Congress several days ago is the most recent of a series of scurrilous attacks upon you. It also attacks Mrs. Roosevelt, Bob Jackson, etc., as the others have done.

Because I have been singled out in this document as the chief fifth columnist and because the implications set down about me in relation to you are particularly outrageous I thought I ought to tell you what's shaping in my mind to do about it, and if you have objections I won't do it.

The idea is simply to let a group of my friends who have expressed a desire to do so retain counsel and file suit against the author and the organization publishing the pamphlet. In times like these it's a waste of thought and time to bother with such perverted minds and outfits as this pamphlet represents unless one feels that circulation of the material is likely to be sufficiently widespread to be a disruptive factor or unless the interests back of the organization are significant.

Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah did a job on the author and his organization during the Senate Civil Liberties Committee hearings. It appeared then that certain quite powerful members of the National Association of Manufacturers contributed to and used the organization with all its anti-semitic and fascist outpourings. It is likely they still do.

My friends, both in and out of the Government, who want to do this view their action as a public interest matter rather than one of personally defending me. And Lord knows I'm not interested on the personal level even if I had funds enough to bring such a suit which my joblessness these past three months helps make out of the question.

Wayne's plea of guilty in Federal District Court yesterday to criminal indictments charging forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses in connection with the Pelley letters makes the legal case against this pamphlet even stronger.

May you continue well.

Yours sincerely, /s/ Gardner Jackson

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: JOSEPH P. KAMP
INTERNAL SECURITY

There is attached hereto a memorandum containing
all pertinent data in the Bureau files with respect to
Joseph P. Kamp, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, New York,
President and Organizer of the Constitutional Educational
League Incorporated, New Haven, Connecticut.

Respectfully,

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"The Fifth Column Versus The Dies Committee," which is the latest publication of the Constitutional Educational League defends the Dies Committee and advocates that substantial congressional appropriations be granted for its continued existence. It accuses the Department of Justice for its "tactics" in attempting to bring the Dies Committee into ill repute. "The Attorney General wanted the American people to believe that the

Dies Committee was to blame for any failure of the F. B. I., and the Department of Justice to cope successfully with spies, saboteurs and Fifth Columnists. (Not a single arrest in the past year)." (Page 6) This pamphlet on page 16 criticizes the Department for allegedly nullifying results of investigations conducted by the Bureau and states that it is not criticizing the FBI or the Director but blames the Department. Because of this alleged interference, the booklet asserts, the Dies Committee should be permitted to continue its work.

In 1939 the Constitutional Educational League published a periodical entitled, "Headlines And What's Behind Them," which attacked the Worker's Alliance and the alleged Communist infiltration into the W. P. A. In this periodical it was stated that the Constitutional Educational League is, "engaged in anti-Communist endeavors."

In November 1940, an investigation of the Constitutional Educational League and its President, Joseph P. Kamp was instituted by the Bureau. At the present time little is known concerning his personal history. His name is not listed in the current issue of "Who's Who in America." On the inside cover of the booklet, "The Fifth Column In Washington," the following brief history of Kamp appears:

"In 1933-34, Mr. Kamp was executive Vice-President of the Richard J. Wagner Democratic Association in the Democratic stronghold of the nation, Senator Robert F. Wagner's district. In September 1933, he was named Secretary of the General Committee of the Westchester County (N. Y.) Democratic Organization, a designation which, however, he was unable to accept. An editor of newspapers and magazines, and for more than twenty years a student of subversive movements, he writes with authority."

Until 1937 Kamp was executive editor and publisher of the now defunct magazine "Awakener," which is described by "The Hour" as having been a Fascist publication. He has also distributed anti-semitic literature and at one time distributed copies of the forged Benjamin Franklin letter and a pamphlet entitled, "Why are the Jews Persecuted for their Religion?"

Associated with Kamp in his publication of the "Awakener" was Harold Lloyd Varney. Varney was connected with the Italian Historical Society of New York and collaborated with Kamp in the publication of the pamphlet entitled, "Join The CIO and Help Build a Soviet Union."

It was reported to the New York Office that Kamp had certain printing done at the shop operated by Beatrice Brown, 480 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, for which the printer never received payment.

On July 18, 1937, a convention of 10,000 employees of the Remington Rand Company in Auburn, New York, was held under the auspices of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., Clair E. Hoffman, United States Representative of Michigan, addressed this convention and bitterly criticized John L. Lewis and the CIO. According to the "Labor Fact Book" Volume 2, published in 1934 by the Labor Research Association, the Constitutional Educational League held "patriotic meetings," in front of industrial plants where the workers were out on strike. Kamp was accused of being a strike breaker and it was reported in the "Labor Fact Book" above mentioned that he distributed leaflets critical of workers of national textile mills in Connecticut. He was said to have been active against strikers at the I. Miller and Sons, Incorporated, plant of Long Island, New York, in 1932.

According to the August 17, 1940, issue of "The Hour," Kamp claims to be an influential member of the Democratic Party but he is actually known for his Fascistic activities. This periodical claims that on December 16, 1938, he was one of the sponsors of the retired Major General George Van Horn Moseley when the latter delivered an anti-Semitic and anti-government speech in the Hotel Biltmore in New York. On May 24, 1939, Kamp was one of the sponsors of the so-called, "pro-American mass meetings," which was addressed by John E. Kelley described by "The Hour" as being a notorious Jersey City Fascist who had previously addressed the German-American Bund, and Joe McWilliams, New York Fascist and anti-Semite. "The Hour" describes Kamp as being anti-Semitic and anti-labor. It claims Kamp has distributed violent anti-labor propaganda and that he is a vicious foe of the CIO.

"The Daily Worker," in its issue of June 24, 1939, accused Kamp of attempting to inveigle W. P. A. workers into signing statements that they had been fired by "Communist" superiors because the workers "were good Americans." This article charged that the La Follette Senatorial Civil Liberties investigation had found that the Constitutional Educational League was a "professional union busting outfit."

As a matter of interest [redacted] on September 22, 1939, advised the Newark Field Office that Kamp had a list of Communist names and Communist organizations which he offered to furnish to the Bureau. However, in view of his general reputation and his association with American pro-fascist groups no effort was made to obtain this information.

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[redacted] According to "The Hour," Kamp has been given assistance by Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita, Kansas, who issued circulars publicizing the pamphlet, "The Fifth Column in Washington," and offering these pamphlets for sale in quantity lots. According to "The Hour" the Constitutional Educational League distributes its pamphlets gratis, although the stated price of the later publications are 25¢ a copy.

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Kamp has made numerous speeches of an anti-Communist nature. According to a newspaper article appearing in the Buffalo New York Courier Express October 22, 1940, Kamp made an address before the American Legion in which he charged that Communism had worked its way into the United States Army. He accused then Assistant Attorney General Rogge of giving, "aid and comfort to the Communist cause."

Additional inquiries concerning the Constitutional Educational League and Joseph P. Kamp are presently being made.

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Major General Edwin M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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ON 01-12-01

Dear General Watson:

Your letter of February 27, 1941, with which you enclosed a letter of Mr. Gardner Jackson, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column Versus the Dies Committee" has been received. It is noted that the President has requested that the sponsorship of this publication be ascertained and a determination made whether the use of the United States mail by the parties responsible is unlawful.

I think the President and you may be interested in knowing that this periodical is published by an individual named Joseph P. Kamp, organizer and head of the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, New Haven, Connecticut. The FBI is presently conducting an investigation concerning this individual and his activities. As of possible interest I am attaching hereto a memorandum containing a summary of data presently on file with respect to Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated.

This material has been referred to the appropriate section of the Department of Justice to determine what steps can be taken to bar the use of the United States mail in this instance should it be ascertained that the content of these pamphlets is scurrilous or libelous, consistent with the President's request.

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I am returning herewith Mr. Jackson's letter to the President, copies having been made for the completion of our files.

With assurances of my highest regards,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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"The Fifth Column Versus The Dies Committee," which is the latest publication of the Constitutional Educational League defends the Dies Committee and advocates that substantial congressional appropriations be granted for its continued existence. It accuses the Department of Justice for its "tactics" in attempting to bring the Dies Committee into ill repute. "The Attorney General wanted the American people to believe that the Dies Committee was to blame for any failure of the FBI, and the Department of Justice to cope successfully with spies, saboteurs and Fifth Columnists. (Not a single arrest in the past year)." (Page 6) This pamphlet on page 16 criticizes the Department of Justice for allegedly nullifying results of investigations conducted by the FBI and states that it is not criticising the FBI or its Director but blames the Department. Because of this alleged interference, the booklet asserts, the Dies Committee should be permitted to continue its work.

In 1939 the Constitutional Educational League published a periodical entitled, "Headlines and What's Behind Them," which attacked the Workers' Alliance and the alleged Communist infiltration into the W.P.A. In this periodical it was stated that the Constitutional Educational League is "engaged in anti-Communist endeavors."

At the present time little is known concerning Kamp's personal history. His name is not listed in the current issue of "Who's Who in America." On the inside cover of the booklet, "The Fifth Column In Washington," the following brief history of Kamp appears:

"In 1933-34, Mr. Kamp was executive Vice-President of the Richard J. Wagner Democratic Association in the Democratic stronghold of the nation, Senator Robert F. Wagner's district. In September 1933, he was named Secretary of the General Committee of the Westchester County (N.Y.) Democratic Organization, a designation which, however, he was unable to accept. An editor of newspapers and magazines, and for more than twenty years a student of subversive movements, he writes with authority."

According to the August 17, 1940, issue of "The Hour," Kamp claims to be an influential member of the Democratic Party but he is actually known for his fascist activities. This periodical claims that on December 16, 1938, he was one of the sponsors of

the retired Major General George Van Horn Moseley when the latter delivered an anti-semitic and anti-Government speech in the Hotel Biltmore in New York. On May 24, 1939, Kamp was one of the sponsors of the so-called, "pro-American mass meetings," which was addressed by John E. Kelley described by "The Hour" as being a notorious Jersey City Fascist who had previously addressed the German-American Bund, and Joe McWilliams, New York fascist and anti-Semite. "The Hour" describes Kamp as being anti-Semitic and anti-labor. It claims Kamp has distributed violent anti-labor propaganda and that he is a vicious foe of the CIO.

Until 1937 Kamp was executive editor and publisher of the now defunct magazine "Awakener," which is described by "The Hour" as having been a Fascist publication. He has also distributed anti-semitic literature and at one time distributed copies of the forged Benjamin Franklin letter and a pamphlet entitled, "Why are the Jews Persecuted for their Religion?" 61-10355-9x

It was reported that Kamp had certain printing done at the shop operated by Beatrice Brown, 480 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, for which the printer never received payment. 62-8217-33

Associated with Kamp in his publication of the "Awakener" is Harold Lloyd Varney. Varney was connected with the Italian Fascist Society of New York and collaborated with Kamp in the publication of the pamphlet entitled, "Join The CIO and Help the Soviet Union." 61-7566-367

On July 18, 1937, a convention of 10,000 employees of the Ives-Rand Company in Auburn, New York, was held under the auspices of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. William W. Hoffman, United States Representative of Michigan attended the convention and bitterly criticized John L. Lewis of the CIO. According to the "Labor Fact Book" Volume 2, published by the Labor Research Association, the Constitutional Educational League held "patriotic meetings," in front of industrial plants where the workers were out on strike. Kamp was accused of being a strike breaker and it was reported in the "Labor Fact Book" that he distributed leaflets critical of workers at several textile mills in Connecticut. He was said to have been active against strikers at the I. Miller and Sons Incorporated in Long Island, New York, in 1932. 61-7560-35

"The Daily Worker," in its issue of June 24, 1939, accused Kamp of attempting to inveigle W.P.A., workers into signing statements that they had been fired by "Communist" superiors because the workers "were good Americans." This article charged that the La Follette Senatorial Civil Liberties investigation had found that the Constitutional Educational League was a "professional union busting outfit."

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[REDACTED] According to "The Hour," 61-7585-6
Kamp has been given assistance by Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita, 61-7585-2
Kansas, who issued circulars publicizing the pamphlet, "The
Fifth Column in Washington," and offering these pamphlets for
sale in quantity lots. According to "The Hour" the Constitutional
Educational League distributes its pamphlets gratis, although the 8-31x
stated price of the later publications are 25¢ a copy. 61-10355-2

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It was recently reported that Kamp has an autographed photograph of Adolf Hitler in his office at 342 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, and that an individual named [REDACTED] who is allegedly a wealthy Republican Committeeman is financing Kamp in the latter's activities. 61-10355-41

Kamp has made numerous speeches of an anti-Communist nature. According to a newspaper article appearing in the 62-8217-34 Buffalo New York Courier Express October 22, 1940, Kamp made an address before the American Legion in which he charged that Communism had worked its way into the United States Army. He 61-10355-24 accused then Assistant Attorney General Rogge of giving, "aid and comfort to the Communist cause."

Additional inquiries concerning the Constitutional Educational League and Joseph P. Kamp are presently being made.

Because of the investigation of the subject organization presently being conducted by the New York Field Division, copies of this report are being designated for the New York Field Division.

In view of the fact that the Washington Field Division has no ~~reports~~ in this investigation prior to the reference report no undeveloped leads are being set out to contact the Chamber of Commerce at Lansing, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, Niagara Falls, New York, or Boston, Massachusetts with respect to information which they may have on subject organization as developed by the instant report. For the same reason, no leads are being set out to interview people solicited by subject organization as developed by instant report. The foregoing is left to the discretion of the office of origin.

ENCLOSURES

ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU, one copy of address of MR. JOSEPH P. KAMP, Vice Chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, made at a membership forum, Nashville Chamber of Commerce August 13, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

There is attached hereto a pamphlet entitled ~~THE FIFTH COLUMN VS. THE DIES COMMITTEE~~, published by the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated. I purchased this in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel. It is somewhat anti-Bureau and very pro-Dies.

I have placed myself on their mailing list at my home address. I did not disclose my identity.

Respectfully,

L. R. Pennington
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